

Junior Year Timeline

Junior year is the time when a student seriously begins to consider his or her post-secondary options. If college is the goal, this is the year to take the PSAT and SAT, make college visits, and to start scholarship searches. Please refer to the timeline below to help you stay on track and organized:

Fall:

- Focus on your academics
- Take the PSAT offered at NHS in October
- Attend the College Fair at NHS
- Start to think about what you want in a college

Winter:

- Attend College Planning Night at NHS
- Consider visiting colleges over winter break
- Consider test prep options if desired
- Register for the Spring SAT/ACT (www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org)
- Start the College Search on Naviance
- Research college majors and courses required for your potential major
- Register with the NCAA eligibility center if considering D1 or D2 athletics (www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Research colleges using the college websites

Spring:

- Plan senior year courses
- Take the SAT/ACT
- Take AP exams if applicable
- Visit college campuses (juniors have three excused days with proper documentation)
- Write the common application college essay in English class
- Ask one of your teachers to write your letter of recommendation
- Begin to explore scholarship opportunities

Summer:

- Continue developing your college list
- Know your deadline options: Early Decision, Early Action, Rolling, Regular Decision
- Create and begin to complete the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
- Begin any college applications that do not use the Common Application (found on the individual college's website)
- Draft any supplemental essays that may be required for some applications