

# Junior Year: College & Career Readiness Action Plan

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## Summer Before Junior Year

### **Student:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to read, read, read!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete required [summer assignments](#) for Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB, or IB courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in meaningful summer opportunities: work, volunteer, job shadow, and/or visit a college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure your junior year course selections are in place. Your junior year will be your last chance to make an impact on your academic record (transcript, GPA, and rank) before applying to college!

## Fall

### **Student:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit any summer coursework grades to the Registrar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ See your counselor if you are on [free/reduced](#) lunch for financial assistance associated with college entrance exams and college application fees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update your NAVIANCE “My Resume” file.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue researching colleges using NAVIANCE college search. Update your “Colleges I’m Thinking About” and “Colleges I’m Applying To” lists.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check “Upcoming College Visits” on NAVIANCE and sign up for any colleges of interest; revisit this regularly!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to use your two excused College Visit Days (check with your attendance office for proper procedures). Consider attending special events designed for prospective students at your potential colleges. Demonstrated interest can be a factor in admission decisions!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stay involved in extracurricular activities, clubs and community service and seek leadership opportunities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use the free test prep materials offered through the [CCR website](#) to prepare for the PSAT.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take the [PSAT/NMSQT](#) in October. This is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying exam!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider taking a full-length practice SAT/ACT before sitting for the real test.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan your college admission testing timeline, paying close attention to registration deadlines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the LISD College Fair. Suggested [College Fair Questions](#)

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Get the facts about [what college costs](#). Find out how financial aid can [make college affordable](#).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Research costs associated with the college application process (SAT and ACT registration, college visits, college application fees, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make plans with your student to visit college campuses. Use the [campus visit checklist](#) to get the most out of these experiences.

**Spring**

**Student:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the college planning night offered at your school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review PSAT results with English, Math, and AVID teacher as well as your parents. Use your PSAT code to access [My College QuickStart](#) to get personalized feedback.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider taking a full-length practice SAT/ACT before sitting for the real test.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register to take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#). Determine if your potential colleges require SAT Subject Tests and register for those as appropriate. During registration for the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#), take advantage of the free score reports, as additional reports are subject to a fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If English is not your native language, register for the [TOEFL](#).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Revisit your four-year plan and chosen Program of Study. Consider and select rigorous courses as appropriate (Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB, IB, and ACC dual-credit). Be mindful of college admission requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register and prepare for AP exams if you have taken an AP course this year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to attend the National College Fair at the Austin Convention Center.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start drafting your college application essays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Explore summer opportunities such as summer enrichment, work and volunteering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Talk with at least one teacher about writing a letter of recommendation for college admissions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start researching scholarship opportunities to be aware of qualifying criteria.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) if necessary (student athletes).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit the College and Career Center to look up additional information on colleges that interest you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to attend a college application workshop over the summer at your high school.

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Junior Parent Night/college planning night. Find out what other information meetings are available (ex: financial aid).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure your student is registering for an [SAT](#) and [ACT](#).