

# College Planning for Juniors

## Fall

- Take the most challenging academic schedule that you can. It shows admissions offices that you are ready for a competitive college environment.
- Research prospective colleges. Sign up for [FastWeb's College Search](#) to help find the right school for you.
- Attend college fairs and speak to on-campus college representatives.
- Register, prepare for, and take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Begin studying for the SAT and/or ACT.
- Register with [FastWeb.com](#) to find scholarship money.
- Take leadership roles in clubs, activities, and volunteer opportunities.
- Begin to consider which teachers, advisors, or employers you might ask for college recommendations from.
- Explore financial aid options with your parents/guardians.

## February – March

- Apply for scholarships.
- Visit prospective colleges during spring break.
- SAT is offered on several different dates. Visit [sat.collegeboard.org](#) to get test dates and registration deadlines.
- ACT is offered on several different dates. Visit [actstudent.org](#) to get test dates and registration deadlines.
- Continue discussing college costs and options with your parents/guardians.
- Make an appointment with your school counselor, Mrs. Minns, to discuss your college options.
- Put together your resume, including academic record, extracurricular activities, honors, and volunteer work.

## April – May

- Check academic requirements for your prospective colleges. Summer is the best time to fill any gaps.
- SAT is offered on several different dates. Visit [sat.collegeboard.org](#) to get test dates and registration deadlines.
- ACT is offered on several different dates. Visit [actstudent.org](#) to get test dates and registration deadlines.
- Apply for summer jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

## June – August

- Visit prospective colleges. Be sure to talk with current students about the school.
- Athletes should register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse at [eligibilitycenter.org](#) at the end of the academic year, if they have not done so already.
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- Request applications and brochures from your top colleges.
- Get started on college application essays by writing sample drafts.
- Take some time out to prepare for your standardized tests.