

# JUNIOR TO DO LIST:

<p><b>Take the PSAT</b></p>	<p>At school sign up for the PSAT in the fall or check to see if it will be given during Future Day. Create a College Board account that will link your PSAT score to your account and give you personalized study guides. With this you can prepare for the SAT using a Khan Academy study plan based on your PSAT results and explore lists of suggested colleges, majors and careers. Prepare for the SAT by taking a free full-length official practice test. Then get a score and skills report. Learn with skills you need to improve. Be sure to sign up for the official SAT "Question of the day" for daily practice. You can take either the SAT or up to three SAT Subject Tests on one test day. Plan your testing schedule carefully if you want to take both, and register for two separate test dates. Sign up to take the SAT or ACT. You can visit the College and Career Center to see when these tests are offered and to see if you are eligible for a waiver.</p>
<p><b>Post-secondary Research</b></p>	<p>Make a list of your abilities, preferences and personal qualities. List things that you may want to study and do in college. Jump start your college planning by reading about majors and careers. Use collegesearch.com to find colleges with the right characteristics. If you are not sure what you want to do after high school, take an aptitude test to see your skills and interest. Work with the post-secondary specialist in the College and Career Center to learn more about careers and opportunities after high school. The ASVAB is an aptitude test if you would like to learn about your skills and strengths. The ASVAB is offered in the Fall for FREE.</p>
<p><b>Have you thought about financial aid?</b></p>	<p>Talk with your counselor or the post secondary specialist about your college plans. Attend college visitations and financial aid nights at your school. Use financial aid calculators to estimate your aid eligibility and college costs.</p>
<p><b>College/Tech School Route- How to prepare</b></p>	<p>Start visiting local colleges; large, small and private colleges. Get a feel for what works for you. Develop an initial list of colleges and careers that interest you. Visit Tech school or research online to see if they have the program you are interested in. Schedule visits on your own or check with the school to see when a campus visit is taking place. Make sure to look at admission requirements and process.</p>
<p><b>Workforce Route- How to prepare</b></p>	<p>Have an updated resume! Make sure you have references listed on your resume. Prepare for interviews and learn to make a great first impression. Connect with the College and Career Center or Worksource for help.</p>
<p><b>Review your Senior Class Schedule</b></p>	<p>Review your schedule with your counselor. Challenge yourself with honors and AP classes. If you are interested in Running Start be sure to let your counselor know as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>Summer Activities</b></p>	<p>Enrich yourself by volunteering, getting interesting job or internship or sign up for special summer learning programs.</p>
<p><b>Create a Resume</b></p>	<p>This is a list of your accomplishments, activities and work experiences from 9th - 12th grade. Start a resume that can be updated every year. When applying for a job, college, or a scholarship you will need to submit a resume and/or give a copy of your resume to those you are asking for a letter of recommendation. You can research examples online or visit the College and Career Center for help.</p>
<p><b>Keep a calendar of admissions and financial aid deadlines</b></p>	
<p><b>Want to play sports in college?</b></p>	<p>If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports and want to be eligible to be recruited by colleges, register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.</p>
<p><b>Test Scores</b></p>	<p>If you took the AP Exams in May, look for your AP score reports in July.</p>
<p><b>SAT or ACT</b></p>	<p>Register early for test dates for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Make sure that you mark which colleges to forward your scores to. Go to <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>, set up a profile (if you haven't already) and register to take the test. You can check if you are eligible for a waiver in the College &amp; Career Center.</p>