

College and Career Planning “TO DO LIST” for JUNIORS

1. Sign up for and take the ACT during second semester:

- It is beneficial for many students to enter the senior year with at least two sets of test scores for the ACT before we begin the college application process during the first week of September. Counselors will work with each student to help determine his/her best plan for testing.
- Go online to www.actstudent.org to sign up for the ACT test. Watch registration deadlines and sign up early to get a seat at our CCC location. See your counselor if you are eligible for a FEE WAIVER.

2. Begin to research your college choices.

- Use the Naviance website to do **college searches** based on your interests/profile.
- Use Naviance to find information on **college representative visits to CCC** and to register to attend presentations in the fall of your senior year.
- During **Junior Jump-Start** and in your **scheduling appointment** early in the second semester, your counselor will discuss with you your college planning process and provide guidance/suggestions.
- **Visit college campuses:** Spring break of the junior year is a good time to visit colleges. Go on the college websites to register for tours and information sessions at the colleges.
- **Use/update your account on Naviance**, our college counseling website, to keep track of resume information, do college searches, and receive emails about college opportunities from our office.

3. Continue to strive for your academic best.

- College admissions initially look for three main factors: GPA, coursework, and ACT scores.
- Be sure to earn solid grades in the junior year and take a rigorous course load in senior year. Colleges may request mid-year grades in senior year, and will review your final transcript including all final grades.
- Remember: If you need tutoring or just help with organizational skills, please check with your teacher for additional assistance.

4. Meet individually with your counselor in the spring to review your future plans.

- Your counselor will schedule an individual appointment with you in second semester to discuss your course selections for the senior year, your ACT testing, career/college planning, etc.
- Submit to Guidance the student/parent questionnaires and signed transcript release form and your resume after creating it in English 11 in the spring. This info helps us help you!

5. In the summer between 11th and 12th.

- Visit college campuses, do more college searches online, and in August start to view college applications online. Begin to write college application essays. Get a job or internship:
<https://www.zippia.com/job-search/high-school-jobs/>

6. Fall of Senior Year

- The counselors will present *Senior College Night* during the fall of school for students and parents, and meet with all seniors through English 12 classes in September for Senior App Start to set up Naviance for the senior year and provide information about the application process.
- Your counselor will call you in for a senior meeting in September to discuss your specific future goals.