

Junior College Planning Timeline

Fall (September - November)

- ✓ Evaluate and adjust course roadmap
- ✓ Meet with school academic advisor
- ✓ Choose manageable and challenging classes
- ✓ Increase your contribution in classroom and extracurricular
- ✓ Take a leadership role (it doesn't have to have a title)
- ✓ Register and take PSAT, SAT or ACT test
- ✓ Meet with school college counselor
- ✓ Attend college representative visit events and college fairs
- ✓ Research and build a college list (through Naviance if available)

Winter (December - February)

- ✓ Prepare a second SAT or ACT test for the spring if needed
- ✓ Study for AP exams (if taking AP classes) in May/June
- ✓ Make deeper commitment to your chosen charity work in the community
- ✓ Think about who you want to ask for your recommendation letters
- ✓ Get educated on financial aid: merit vs. need-based
- ✓ Use [FAFSA4caster](#) and each school's EFC calculator to estimate the family EFC
- ✓ Start scholarship research
- ✓ Register **now** and visit colleges on your list during spring break
- ✓ Try to balance academic work and social life (enjoy your holiday 😊)

Spring (March - May)

- ✓ Register and take the second SAT or ACT test if needed
- ✓ Create a resume for summer jobs and college interviews
- ✓ Plan and apply summer jobs, internships or other career-oriented opportunities
- ✓ Initiate an independent study with school teacher for a research or special project
- ✓ Solicit input on senior class schedule
- ✓ Refine your college list after getting the test results
- ✓ **Visit colleges most important on your list**

Summer (June - August)

- ✓ Get a summer job to earn money and gain real life experience
- ✓ Be familiar with essay prompts and start brainstorming essay ideas
- ✓ Prepare the second SAT or ACT for the fall test (if missed the past spring dates)
- ✓ Register and visit more colleges on your list
- ✓ Do interview if available while visiting colleges
- ✓ Request to meet with your regional admission officers and ask meaningful questions
- ✓ Write thank you notes to people who have interviewed you