

POST-SECONDARY CHECKLIST

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall:

- If you are planning on attending a 4-year college, take the PSAT in the fall of your Junior Year
- Research college options by learning more about programs offered, what your career interest is, where you want to live, job opportunities in your field, and financial aid

Winter/Spring: REGISTER FOR AND TAKE REQUIRED ENTRANCE EXAMS

For a 4-year college:

- Take an SAT OR an ACT exam in the spring of your junior year (see Mrs. Gale for dates of testing and how to register).

For a 2-year college:

- Check with the college you are interested in attending

For the military:

- Take the ASVAB during your junior year

Spring/Summer:

- Visit colleges that interest you. Sign up for a tour so they know you're there and you'll get the full benefit of your visit. Some schools offer scholarships if you visit their campus and decide to attend school there.
- Finalize your list of colleges and programs you are interested in.
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan on participating in D1 or D2 college athletics.
- Register for fall entrance exams

SENIOR YEAR

September/October:

- Depending on your plans the requirements of your college choices, register and take one or more of these tests. Be sure to send your scores directly from the testing site to the colleges of your choice.
 - SAT and/or ACT
 - ASSET, ACCUPLACER, or COMPASS
 - ASVAB
- Apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as close to October 1st as possible.**
- You will need letters of recommendations from teachers and/or coaches. Make sure you ask well in advance of the letters being due

November-January

- Complete all required parts of each application, either on the Internet or on paper
- Submit each application on time. Look at deadlines carefully, especially if you are applying for Early Decision or Early Action. Proofread each application before you send it and print a copy for your files
- Have a transcript sent to the colleges that you apply to

January-February

- Confirm colleges have all necessary materials from you
- Re-send transcripts if necessary
- Don't get senioritis! Colleges will want to see your second semester grades too.

March-April

- You will start receiving admissions decisions and financial aid awards. Read everything carefully and discuss it with your family. Some of it may require action on your part
- Make a final decision and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select **BEFORE THE DEADLINE.**
- Notify each school to which you were accepted but will not be attending and so that your spot can be freed up for another student
- If you are on a waiting list, contact the Admissions Office and let them know if you are still interested in the spot. If you are, updated them on your spring grades and activities.

May-June

- Thank everyone who helped you with your college applications and wrote letters of recommendation
- Have your final transcript sent to your college
- If you plan on participating in D1 or D2 sports, have your final transcript sent to NCAA Clearinghouse
- Make your final financial aid decision
- Plan your summer-apply for summer jobs and start saving for college