

College Planning To-Do: Fall 2019

JUNIORS! Thinking about college? Take these next steps!

1 STAY ON TRACK WITH YOUR CLASSES & GRADES

Consider what classes you still need to take and check on your GPA. It's never too late to improve!

2 EVALUATE YOUR INTERESTS AND OPTIONS

Consider your abilities, personal qualities, and interests. Decide whether you want to pursue full-time employment, further education or training (such as a vocational-technical school, career college, or two-year or four-year college), or a military career. List things you may want to study and do after high school.

3 TAKE THE PSAT

The PSAT is offered in October. One of the test's primary purposes is to act as a precursor to the SAT. Your score report can help you prepare for the SAT by identifying your strengths and weaknesses. Depending on your PSAT score, you may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship program.

4 GATHER COLLEGE INFORMATION

Go to college fairs, attend college nights, and speak with college representatives who visit your high school; use an online college finder and search top college lists. You may be able to narrow your choices or add a school to your list.

5 STUDY, PREPARE, AND REGISTER FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS

Identify when you will be taking important tests such as the SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, AP Exams, ACCUPLACER, and ASVAB, and mark the dates on your calendar. Keep in mind that most 4-year colleges require you to have taken the SAT or ACT.



6 ESTIMATE YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

Examine your family's financial resources and gather information about financial aid from the schools you're interested in. Financial aid nights, college advisers Ms. Cawley & Ms. Murray, and websites such as bigfuture.org are also good sources of information.

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