

# Junior Year College Readiness Timeline

## Summer

	Choose meaningful summer activities: academic or enrichment programs, volunteer activities, or employment.
	Use college search tools in Naviance or on <a href="#">College Board</a> to research colleges and build your college list. Develop a list of 15 or 20 colleges that are of interest to you. You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education. Discuss the list with your family and begin narrowing it down to the colleges you are most interested in attending.
	If possible, visit colleges on your list. Come prepared—do research on the school ahead of time, present yourself professionally, be prepared with questions.
	<b>Get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT in October.</b> This is a preliminary test that helps students practice for the SAT and assess their academic skills. Juniors who score well on the test are also eligible for scholarship opportunities. Find out more about the <a href="#">PSAT/NMSQT</a> .

## Fall

	If possible, visit colleges on your list. Come prepared—do research on the school ahead of time, present yourself professionally, be prepared with questions.
	Attend College Admissions Case Study
	Attend <b>Catholic College Night at Strake Jesuit</b> . Again, come prepared and professionally dressed. There will be a lot of colleges there, so make a plan in advance of what colleges you really want to visit with. Print labels with your name and address so you don't have to spend your time filling out your information on their postcards.
	Visit colleges and attend college fairs/ IWA campus visits. Come prepared—do research on the school ahead of time, present yourself professionally, be prepared with questions.
	Attend advisory about the PSAT/NMSPQ
	Continue involvement in activities that will develop leadership skills; update the academic and extracurricular portfolio. If you aren't involved in extracurricular activities or work, it isn't too late to start.
	Earn good grades 😊

## Winter

	<p><b>Review PSAT/NMSQT results</b> by logging in to the <a href="#">student score reporting portal</a>. Your score report shows what you should work on to get ready for college; lists Advanced Placement courses that might be a good match for you; and connects you to <a href="#">free, personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy</a> based on your results.</p>
	<p>Begin to narrow down your interest list to 10-12 schools. The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.</p>
	<p>Begin preparation for the application process (draft essays, format resume, contact coaches if you are an athlete, consider letters of recommendation, etc.</p>
	<p>Register for the SAT or ACT in the spring. Be mindful of registration deadlines.</p>
	<p>Attend junior college application readiness advisory during Flex Time</p>
	<p>Keep earning good grades!</p>

## Spring

	<p><b>Take SAT/ACT</b> and register for SAT Subject Tests if necessary* The SAT is typically offered in March, May, and June. Make sure you start preparing for the test several months in advance. And remember, if you're not happy with your scores when you get them, you might want to test again in the fall. Many students take the test a second time as seniors, and they usually do better.</p> <p>* Many colleges require or recommend taking these tests to get a sense of your skills in a certain academic area. In general, it's best to take a Subject Test right after taking the relevant course. Learn more about <a href="#">SAT Subject Tests</a>.</p>
	<p>Prepare to take AP exams</p>
	<p>Discuss taking challenging courses next year. Taking honors courses or college-level courses like Advanced Placement as a senior can help you prepare for college work — and these are also the courses that college admission officers like to see</p>
	<p>Meet with the college counselor again to review your initial list of colleges.</p>
	<p>With your family, begin to learn about financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study)</p>
	<p>Start a scholarship search</p>
	<p>Attend college fairs and visit college campuses during spring break and summer vacation.</p>

Add your colleges to “Colleges I’m Thinking About” in Naviance. Be sure that you mark how are you are applying (Common App, Apply Texas, or directly to the institution).

Note: “Colleges I’m Applying To” will be available later in the summer after Naviance recognizes you as a senior.

enrichment programs

scholarships & money

- > scholarship match
- > scholarship list
- > scholarship applications
- > national scholarship search

resources

- > transcripts

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College	Type	How are you applying?	Submissions	Expected Difficulty*	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My App.	Results	Edit	Manage Communication	Graph	WWW
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Baylor Univ</a>	RD	I'm not sure yet	?	N/A	Feb 01, 2018	no request	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Texas Tech Univ</a>	RD	Direct to institution		N/A	Mar 01, 2017	no request	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Accepted				
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U of Texas Austin</a>	RD	Direct to institution		N/A	-	no request	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Accepted				

Delete Application

Continue preparing for the application process: finalize essays, resume, and fill out the teacher letter of recommendation request form so you are ready to ask in August. Give some thought to your answers. Remember, this is to help your recommender offer specific and persuasive details.

If you haven’t done so already, fill out the counselor letter of recommendation request survey from Ms. Cuneo. Just like for the teacher recommendations, give some thought to your answers. Remember, this is to help your recommender offer specific and persuasive details.