

Junior College Checklist

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What Are You Involved In?

Begin to make a list of all the activities you do in and outside of school, including sports, clubs, jobs, outside organizations, etc.

- Create a resume utilizing a template in Google Docs or other suggested templates in Google Classroom.
- Start to compile the 10 Activities and 5 Honors/Awards you will list in your Common Application.

College Process Checklist

- Start connecting with colleges (upcoming events listed in Naviance):
 - Go on virtual college visits (register ahead of time)
 - Meet with admissions representatives at SJP (Fall of 2021)
 - Attend virtual college fairs
- Identify what are you looking for in a college:
 - Size (small, medium, large, etc)
 - Location (state)
 - Major(s)/Minor(s) available
 - Student Clubs and Organizations
 - Sports (Varsity, Club, Intramural)
 - Greek Life
 - Religious Affiliation
 - Campus Setting (urban, suburban, rural)
- Know your grade point average (GPA) and predicted SAT/ACT scores to narrow down your college options.
- Register for at least one SAT or ACT for the fall and continue preparing over the summer. Register for the TOEFL if English is not your first language.
- Take 2-3 SAT Subject Tests as able to.
- Complete the survey "Junior College Survey."
- Write a draft of your college essay by the end of junior year.
- Begin writing supplemental essays for colleges.
- Create a resume utilizing a template in Google Docs or other suggested templates in Google Classroom.

- Begin to think about what teachers you will ask to write you a letter of recommendation and ask two academic teachers by the end of junior year.
- Make a Common Application account

Naviance

- Run a "SuperMatch" college search
- Explore options in the "Enrichment Programs" section for summer opportunities
- Complete the "Strengths Explorer" & "Career Interest Profiler" assessments
- Research scholarship opportunities (you can apply to some during the summer)

Start to Familiarize Yourself With:

- Common App, Coalition App, University of California Application
- FAFSA
- CSS Profile
- NCAA process (if you plan to play a college sport)
- Important terms:
 - Accepted, deferred, denied, waitlist, conditional acceptance
 - Safety/ likely, target/possible, and reach schools
 - Single Choice Early Action, Early Action (1&2), Early Decision (1&2), Priority, Regular Decision, Rolling.

Important Reminders

- Check your email regularly!
 - Colleges will reach out to you via email
 - The College and School Counseling Office will be communicating important information with you via email
- Check "College Visits" on Naviance regularly
 - Visits are updated on an ongoing basis
 - Take full advantage of meeting in a small group setting, even virtually with admissions counselors from colleges and universities you are interested in or practice your skills with a college you might not be interested in!
- Join and check "Class of 2021" Google Classroom for important updates, resources, tips, tricks for the application process.