

Junior College Planning Timeline

Fall:

- Attend the Charles County College Fair.
- Attend college visits in the career center to learn more about colleges.
- Take PSAT if you are considering attending a four-year college after high school.
- Take mock SAT/ACT offered at school.

Winter/Spring:

- Sign-up for SAT and/or ACT and take exams for May or June (take it twice if applying for ROTC or academies).
- Attend SAT prep classes and use www.collegeboard.com to practice.
- Start college searches and narrow your list of school (15-20 max.).
- Visit some local colleges to learn what you like - large, small, public and private. Create a resume- a record of accomplishments, activities, and work experience since you started high school.

Summer:

- Visit colleges. Take campus tours, and at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admissions.
- Begin completing applications for ROTC scholarships and military academies.
- If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (www.eligibilitycenter.org).

Looking Ahead to your Senior Year

September/October:

- Sign-up for SAT and/or ACT and take exams before January 1st (the sooner the better!)
- Attend the Charles County College Fair.
- Finalize list of schools to apply to (5-10 max.) and visit any campuses you have not yet visited.
- Create a calendar of exam dates and application deadlines.
- Start working on essays and resume. Take advantage of opportunities to have adults review them.
- Ask teachers and counselor for recommendations now for upcoming applications.
- Attend Senior College Information Night.

November:

- Take the ASVAB for career aptitude and military enlistment.
- Plan to have applications completed by the end of December, especially for four-year schools.
- Work on finalizing essays.
- Research scholarship opportunities through www.collegeboard.org and www.fastweb.com
- Attend Financial Aid Night.

December:

- Keep your eye out for local scholarships in the career center and on the school's website.
- Complete any applications that are not yet complete.

January:

- FAFSA is available to be completed January 1st at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. If you are a male 18 or older, you must register for the Selective Service to receive federal financial aid.
- If the schools you have applied to require seventh semester grades, request them from your counselor.
- Many local scholarships will be available in the Career Center, see Mrs. Tober regularly for the next couple of months.

February/March:

- Complete application and testing if you plan to attend the College of Southern Maryland.
- Continue applying for scholarships, especially the Charles County Scholarship Application.
- Take ASVAB for military enlistment.

April:

- You should receive all decision letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- If you have been accepted to any colleges that you have not yet visited, visit ASAP!
- Bring Mrs. Tober a copy of all college acceptance, financial aid, and scholarship offers.

May:

- You must notify four-year colleges by May 1st of your choice to attend, or you risk losing your acceptance and financial aid offers (return all financial aid letters as requested).