



The Junior year is exciting, full of opportunities and sometimes overwhelming. With so many deadlines and responsibilities, it will fly by in a flash. College admissions will be here before you know it and we are here to help you navigate this important year. Strong relationships with teachers will help to support your academic success.

College Planning Guide 11th Grade

FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue with organization and good study habits while maintaining and improving grades. -Set a new goal and write it down. Here is a guide to SMART goal setting. -Attend tutorials or study sessions if you need some help. Check your Canvas courses or ask your teachers when they are available for extra help. -School involvement and leadership roles improve your school and your leadership skills. -Continue building your resume. -Track your service hours in track it forward. -Research armed forces, colleges and technical schools and sign up for virtual tours. Request information from the ones you are most interested in. -Take the PSAT in October. Your score as a junior will be reviewed for the National Merit Scholars Program. -Click HERE to access your PSAT scores in the College Board. -Research and discover National recognition programs and scholarship opportunities. -Attend college fairs and schedule tours. -College websites are full of information for you to discover academic programs, required test scores, scholarship opportunities, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Course selection - consider taking advanced classes and/or dual credit if you didn't take them this year. Advanced courses give you quality points that can give you a GPA advantage. Dual credit can give you some form of college credit for most colleges but they do not affect your gpa. Review the course catalog link for a full list of course offerings. -Talk to your counselors about IB and advanced academics and your options for 12th grade. -Review your PSAT score and study for the SAT coming up in March. It is free for Juniors and offered during the school day! -Are you a student-athlete thinking you will play at the Division I or II level. You will need to register with NCAA Eligibility Center. -Consider the cost of colleges and continue searching for scholarship opportunities that may help alleviate the financial burden. -Keep up your organization and study habits. The last months of the school year seem to go by quickly. You will have EOCs and possibly AP tests along with your busy schedule. -Continue to add your activities to your resume and log volunteer hours on track it forward. -Reflect on your accomplishments for the year and with a little extra time, consider making a bulb portfolio to document your year. You can add your resume notes along with video, voice-overs and samples of your work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Volunteer and track your hours on track it forward. -Pick up your updated transcript in June from the high school. It will have your updated gpa and class rank. -Take time to read. It will help increase your stamina and concentration along with increasing your vocabulary and reading rate. This will greatly benefit you on the PSAT, ACT, SAT and any other tests that you will take in the future. -Create a brag sheet. This is helpful when you are asking for letters of recommendation. -Some colleges open applications for early admission in July and August. -Sites such as applytexas and commonapp will help navigate the admissions process and will allow you to apply to multiple schools with one application. -Work on college essays. -Continue to look for and apply for scholarship opportunities. -If possible, look for a job or volunteer internship opportunities in a field of interest. -Take the SAT again or maybe consider taking the ACT. Not sure which one? Visit this link to help you decide. -Continue exploring career and college options through Texas Career Check -Take some time over the summer to get organized. Write down your deadlines for college applications and scholarship opportunities.