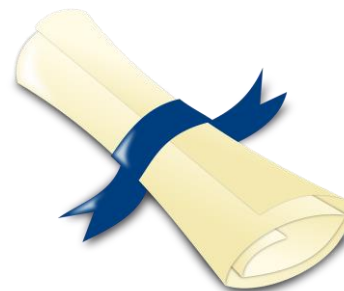


# CSHS Class of 2025



## What should I be doing my junior year?

**Throughout your junior year there are a few things you can do to set yourself up for a successful senior year:**

**Continue to pass your classes:** One of the first things colleges and scholarships will look at is your high school transcript. The transcript that will be sent in the fall of your senior year reflects your junior year coursework. Work hard for the best possible grades.

**Community Service:** Not only does it help your community and those in need, but it can also help set you apart for scholarships and college acceptance. Keep track of your hours in x2VOL (located in Naviance.) You will need 100 hours if you are pursuing the Success Scholar Award.

**Naviance:** You will be using Naviance to search for colleges and scholarships. During your senior year, you will use it to communicate with your counselor which schools you are applying to and to request your transcripts. To log into your Naviance account, go to <https://student.naviance.com/carroll>. Contact your counselor if you do not know your username or password. Your counselor will often communicate with you through Naviance, so be sure to update your email address.

**College Visits:** Juniors can take two days to visit college campuses. The days will not count as absences if you provide proper documentation. Stop by the attendance office prior to leaving for your visit to pick up a form. Every college has a website, but the best way to learn about the college is to go visit.

## Seasons of Junior Year

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate your post high school options (4-year, 2-year, military, vocational school)</li> <li>Start a list of colleges you are interested in Naviance (Colleges I'm Thinking About"). Use the SuperMatch tool to search for schools that fit you</li> <li>Register for NCAA/NAIA if you are planning to play sports at the collegiate level.</li> <li>Attend CISD College Fair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay involved in activities, community service, and look for leadership opportunities</li> <li>Begin narrowing down your college choices</li> <li>Prepare for SAT/ACT</li> <li>Learn more about financial aid options <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a></li> <li>Work on finding scholarships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a challenging course load for senior year. Consider earning college credit through AP or Dual Credit courses (pay attention to registration deadlines)</li> <li>Visit college campuses</li> <li>Stay involved in activities, community service, and look for leadership opportunities</li> <li>Take an ACT/SAT (we will offer the SAT School Day in March!)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to visit colleges</li> <li>Create your resume</li> <li>Take another ACT/SAT</li> <li>Start working on your college application essay</li> <li>You may begin applying to college and submitting test scores in July/August. You will need to check with the schools you are interested in for the date they open applications</li> </ul>

**ACT**  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**TEST DATE:**  
12/9/2023  
2/10/2024  
4/13/2024  
6/8/2024

**REGISTER BY:**  
11/3/2023  
1/5/2024  
3/8/2024  
5/3/2024

**SAT**  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**TEST DATE:**  
12/2/2023  
3/9/2024  
5/4/2024  
6/1/2024

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5/17/2024

# Credit Check

## 4 Credits in English

- English 1
- English 2
- English 3
- Advanced English

## 4 Credits in Math

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Advanced Math

## 4 Credits in Science

- Biology
- IPC, Chemistry or Physics
- Advanced Science
- Advanced Science

## 3-4 Credits in Social Studies

- World Geography or World History  
(both strongly encouraged)
- US History
- Government .5 credit
- Economics .5 credit

## 2 Credits of World Language

- Foreign Language 1
- Foreign Language 2  
(must be the same language)

## Other Required Credits

- 1 credit of Fine Art
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- .5 credit of Health

You must have at least 26 state credits and an Endorsement to graduate with the Distinguished Level of Achievement.

Make sure you have passed STAAR Exams:

- English 1
- English 2
- Biology
- Algebra 1
- US History

# Helpful Links

The following websites are to help in the process of researching and answering many of your questions throughout the year:

CSSH Counseling Website

<https://tinyurl.com/ywjcpufw>

Common Application:

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Apply Texas:

<https://goapplytexas.org/>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

FastWeb (free scholarship search):

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association Eligibility Center):

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>

NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics):

<https://www.naia.org/student-athletes/index>

## **SAT/ACT TestPrep:**

Khan Academy- SAT test prep

[www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat)

University HQ Prep

[www.universityhq.org/resources/college-planning-guide/sat-prep/](http://www.universityhq.org/resources/college-planning-guide/sat-prep/)

ACT Prep

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>