

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Located behind the Yellow Door in the Lockwood House



College Guide for Juniors

EXPLORE

Junior year is the time to explore, learn and absorb. Consider the following ways to do so:

- Explore the college website; take advantage of virtual info sessions or tours
- Attend College Fairs
- Meet with College reps that come to Nerinx
- Drive around campuses in the St. Louis area to get an idea of what a campus looks like
- Set up campus tours for fall break, Christmas break or Spring break; Juniors are allowed 2 excused absences to take college visits - please refer to the handbook for the college visit procedure

COLLEGE REP VISITS AT NERINX

- Nerinx has several schools coming both this semester and next
- For a list of schools and to register, log into **SCOIR** (more on SCOIR below)
- Meeting with reps is a great opportunity to learn about a school and ask questions; use the **College Rep Questions sheet** for a list of questions to ask a rep

SCOIR

SCOIR is an online college and career database; all juniors have access. What can students do on **SCOIR**?

- Search for schools based on criteria, get info, take virtual tours and more
- Take a career assessment
- Use the analysis feature (also called scattergrams) to see how competitive the school is based on GPA and ACT scores of former students
- Record your activities and achievements
- Create a list of schools you are interested in and eventually a list of schools in which you will apply
- Once logged in, students can invite parents to join so they can do their own research
- Students will ultimately use SCOIR to request transcripts

CAREER ASSESSMENT

All students should complete the Career Assessment on **SCOIR** to gain insight into how your interests, values, and skills match potential opportunities.

- From your Dashboard, click Your Assessments
- Choose Career Interest Assessment
- You can retake the assessment as many times as you want
- Careers will be matched to your interests for you to explore

ACT TESTING

It is a national recommendation that students begin testing midway through junior year and to take the ACT 2-3 times by October of Senior year. Many schools are test optional; we hope this trend continues but cannot guarantee it will. Therefore, we strongly recommend students plan on testing like normal so that they do not limit their options. Things to note:

- Juniors will take an official **ACT** test at school in March
- Juniors do not need to register for the test at Nerinx (more info to come)
- Taking the ACT 1-2 additional times is recommended
- Look at your calendar and plan for possible times to take and additional **ACT**; students **MUST REGISTER** for any additional ACT they take
- For test prep information, click **HERE**

ACT OR SAT

ACT tends to be the more favored test for our students as they have had more success on the ACT vs the SAT. Students can, however, take the SAT as well or in place of the ACT. Counselors will help make recommendations based on the students practice SAT (PSAT) and practice ACT (Pre-ACT). Either test is accepted for admission into college.

COLLEGE MEETINGS

After the college kickoff in November, we will meet individually with every junior to learn more about her post-secondary goals and plans. Parents are encouraged to attend since college is most certainly a family decision. More details on how to schedule a meeting will be provided later this semester.

COLLEGE ATHLETES

Students who are interested in playing NCAA DI, DII or NAIA sports in college are required to register with either **NCAA** or **NAIA**. We recommend starting this process junior year.

PRE-COLLEGE AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Colleges offer a variety of experiences for high school students over the summer. A pre-college program offers high school students the opportunity to take classes and experience college life during the summer while a summer program offers high school students the opportunity to explore various careers and interests. Schools have programs ranging from Acapella to Robotics to Veterinary Studies. **Visit the Nerinx College Counseling page** or a college website to learn more. Most colleges will begin posting opportunities in January.

