

# The Ambitious Junior's Pre-College Planning Calendar



## Fall

- \* Review the test-taking tips and sample questions in the PSAT student bulletin.
- \* Explore virtual college and career fair options.
- \* Take the PSAT.
- \* Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- \* Do a college search and discuss the results with your counselor. All CCPS students can utilize Naviance for this purpose.

## Winter

- \* Review PSAT results with your counselor and discuss their impact on your college choices.
- \* Ask your counselor whether you should take the ACT or the SAT.
- \* Register for spring tests (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT).
- \* Make a list of high interest schools to visit during the spring.
- \* Make sure your senior year academic schedule is as challenging as possible.
- \* See your counselor regarding Boys State/Girls State.

## Spring

- \* Prepare a list of questions for your spring college visitations.
- \* If you are interested in military academies, begin filling out preliminary interest forms.
- \* Visit as many colleges as possible: take a campus tour, sit in on a class, and eat in the dining hall.
- \* Participate in the SAT School Day test administration.
- \* Share your college visitation impressions with your counselor.
- \* Revise your high interest college list.
- \* Complete the registration for Student Athlete Eligibility at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> for prospective college student athletes.
  - \* If applicable, print out the transcript release form from the website for prospective college student athletes, and turn in to your guidance office.
- \* Talk to your counselor about all available resources for financial aid.
- \* Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
- \* Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.
- \* Add colleges of interest in Naviance.



## Summer

- Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
- Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer. See your Service Learning Building Coordinator or go to [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).
- Make college visits part of your family's summer travel plans.
- Use financial aid websites to begin accessing scholarship applications.