



Junior Year Transition Timeline

SEPTEMBER

- Keep track of your community service activities and hours.
- Start collecting information regarding your learning style and accommodations.
- Begin identifying accomplishments and achievements you will list on your applications and resume.

OCTOBER

- Explore colleges and programs by taking a deeper look into region, size and support services
- Explore career choices, remember that not everyone enters a college or program with a major in mind

NOVEMBER

- Keep your focus on your grades. You'll want your grades for this entire junior year to be as strong as possible if applying to a college
- Continue to research potential colleges and careers.
- Continue gathering materials for your applications and resume.
 - Community service and participating in a club at school are a great way to build a resume

DECEMBER

- Research college or program costs
- Narrow your college or program list
- Create a document to organize your college or program documents including any updated testing
- Stay focused on grades.

JANUARY

- Continue your research on potential colleges or programs and careers.
- Compare and contrast your college/ program choices to further narrow your focus
- Consider asking to job-shadow one or more people you know to learn more about those careers firsthand.
- Schedule meeting with the transition counselor to discuss possible college choices.

FEBRUARY

- Begin to focus on the key colleges or programs that are a good fit (based on your level of support and career choice).

MARCH

- Start learning about scholarships and grants. Talk as a family about finances for college or programs.
- Brainstorm and research rewarding summer jobs, internships, or scholarship opportunities.
- Stay focused on grades.

APRIL

- Attend the Post High School Fair
- Consider visiting some of the colleges on your list. See if you can arrange interviews while you are on campus.
- Begin identifying teachers who may be willing to write recommendations letters for you.

MAY

- Firm up your summer plans, including visits to other colleges on your list.
- Get information regarding college or program admissions requirements.
- Push yourself hard to end the year with solid grades.
- Begin working on your personal essay in ELA class.

JUNE

- Continue contemplating various careers and colleges or programs.
- Be sure to get the most out of your summer vacation. Some suggestions include employment and/or community service projects.
- Visit colleges or programs.