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Junior Post Graduate Planning

Helpful Websites

Selection and Applying

www.collegeboard.org

- college search
www.collegeincolorado.org
- college, career, & financial info
www.wiche.edu/SEP/WUE/index.asp
- Western Undergraduate Exchange
www.nsse.iub.edu
- National Survey of Student Engagement
www.actstudent.org

- ACT registration
www.eprep.com
- ACT/SAT test prep
www.essayedge.com
- helpful essay ideas
www.mymajors.com
- College major match

Financial Planning

www.studentaid.ed.gov

- financial aid info
www.finaid.org
- financial aid info
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- FAFSA predictor
www.cicmoney101.org
- education financial planning
www.managingcollegecost.com
- financial aid info
www.fastweb.com
- scholarship search
www.salliemae.com
- guide to need-based aid

Volunteer Opportunities

www.volunteermatch.org

- volunteer opportunities
www.thesca.org
- Student Conservation Association

College Planning Checklist

- Identify important factors to you in choosing a college: location, size and type, programs, personal fit, standards of admissions, and cost
- Register for and take the ACT, SAT, and SAT Subject tests
 - The ACT and & SAT should be taken in the spring of junior year and again in the fall of senior year
 - Check with your schools to see if they require the writing section of the ACT and SAT
 - SAT Subject tests should be taken immediately after a student finishes studying that subject
- Begin to explore and research career and school options:
 - Utilize the internet in your search
 - Visit college campuses
- Continue enrichment experiences in the summer such as work, travel, volunteering, re-search activities or other educational experiences
- Review your community service
 - If you do no have substantial service experience, start now
 - If you do, take it further

Important Test Information

<u>2017-2018 ACT Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Gunnison
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	Gunnison
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	Creede
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	Gunnison
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	Gunnison

Register at www.actstudent.org

<u>2017-2018 SAT I & II Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	Gunnison
November 7, 2017	October 25, 2017	Gunnison
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	Lake City

Register at www.collegeboard.org

LCCS School Code: 060894

Most colleges, NCAA, and some scholarship agencies will require that the student send official test scores. This is done directly through the testing agency's website.

The PSAT is given free of chard to Juniors at LCCS on October 11, 2017.

SELECTING A COLLEGE

As colleges are considered, keep the following in mind:

Location: urban, rural, sub-urban, geographic location, & availability of nearby amenities (recreation, internships, etc.)

Size & Type: size of student body, public institutions, and private institutions

Choice of Programs: specific majors offered or liberal arts programs

Personal Fit: your goals and individual strengths, needs, and passions

Admission: schools which are first, second, & third tier options

Application Strategies

Students are encouraged to apply to at least three schools. To help navigate the application process, students should apply to schools with the tier system in mind.

First Tier (reach for the stars)

Student's test scores, GPA & personal profile do not meet the school's average range, yet the student has a particular interest in the school.

Second Tier (solid match)

Student's test scores, GPA and personal profile match the school's average range.

Third Tier (don't be left out)

Student's test scores, GPA and personal profile exceed the school's average range.