



# Junior *Checklist*



## *First Semester of Junior Year*

- ☐ Meet with your counselor. Are you in the right courses and close to completing your endorsement?
- ☐ Stay up to date on Irving ISD's GPA policy found in the student handbook
- ☐ Create professional non-Irving ISD email
- ☐ Explore career ideas using Xello
- ☐ Learn about colleges/universities using Xello; save schools you are interested in
- ☐ Attend the Irving ISD College Night in September
- ☐ Create and update résumé
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT test in October
- ☐ Continuing tracking your community service hours
- ☐ Estimate your financial aid need by using the financial aid calculator at [bigfuture.org](http://bigfuture.org)
- ☐ Begin practicing for the SAT with [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org) and in Xello (Methodize)
- ☐ Begin a search for scholarships in Xello
- ☐ Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your college preparation and selection process

## *2nd Semester of Junior Year*

- ☐ If considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, begin the application process
- ☐ Develop a list of 15-20 possible college options in Xello
- ☐ Start to gather documents for financial aid (FAFSA or TASFA)
- ☐ Find a part time job or internship
- ☐ Visit colleges/universities
- ☐ Take the School Day SAT in March
- ☐ Apply for scholarships
- ☐ If considering playing sports in college, meet with your counselor and coach about NCAA eligibility requirements
- ☐ Request recommendation letters from at least 2 teachers
- ☐ Start crafting your essays- Apply Texas prompts are usually released in March

## Summer *Tips*

- ▶ Visit colleges interested in applying to
- ▶ Apply Texas application opens July 1/ Common App-August 1
- ▶ Keep your Social Media clean and use it to your advantage
- ▶ Prepare to take the ACT and retake SAT, if needed
- ▶ Check Irving ISD's scholarship page and Xello for scholarship opportunities often



**In Irving ISD, each student will reach their highest potential and be college and career ready.**

## How will you become college or career ready?

- ☐ Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) in Reading/Language Arts **and** Mathematics in **any combination** of the following:
  - ☐ Meet college ready criteria for SAT (480+ on Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) section; 530+ on Math section) OR
  - ☐ Meet college ready criteria for ACT (40+ combined score on English + Reading sections; 22+ Math section) OR
  - ☐ Meet college ready criteria for TSIA2 (945+ ELA **and** 5 or higher on essay; 950+ Math) OR
  - ☐ successfully completing a college prep course, such as Texas College Bridge
- ☐ Earn Dual Enrollment Course credits by any of the below means:
  - ☐ successfully complete at least 3 college credit hours in an English or Math course
  - ☐ successfully earn at least 9 college credit hours in any dual credit courses
- ☐ Earn a 3+ on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam taken in grades 9th-12th
- ☐ Earn an Associate Degree
- ☐ Earn an Industry Based Certificate (IBC) **and** complete the needed number of credits within the Program of Study
- ☐ Graduate with a completed Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and determined to be workforce ready by ARD committee
- ☐ Enlist in the Armed Forces or Texas National Guard
- ☐ Earn a Level I or Level II certificate in any workforce education area
- ☐ Graduate under the Foundation High School Plan with an Endorsement (FHSP-E) or the Foundation High School Plan with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (FHSP-DLA) **AND** be currently identified as a student receiving special education services