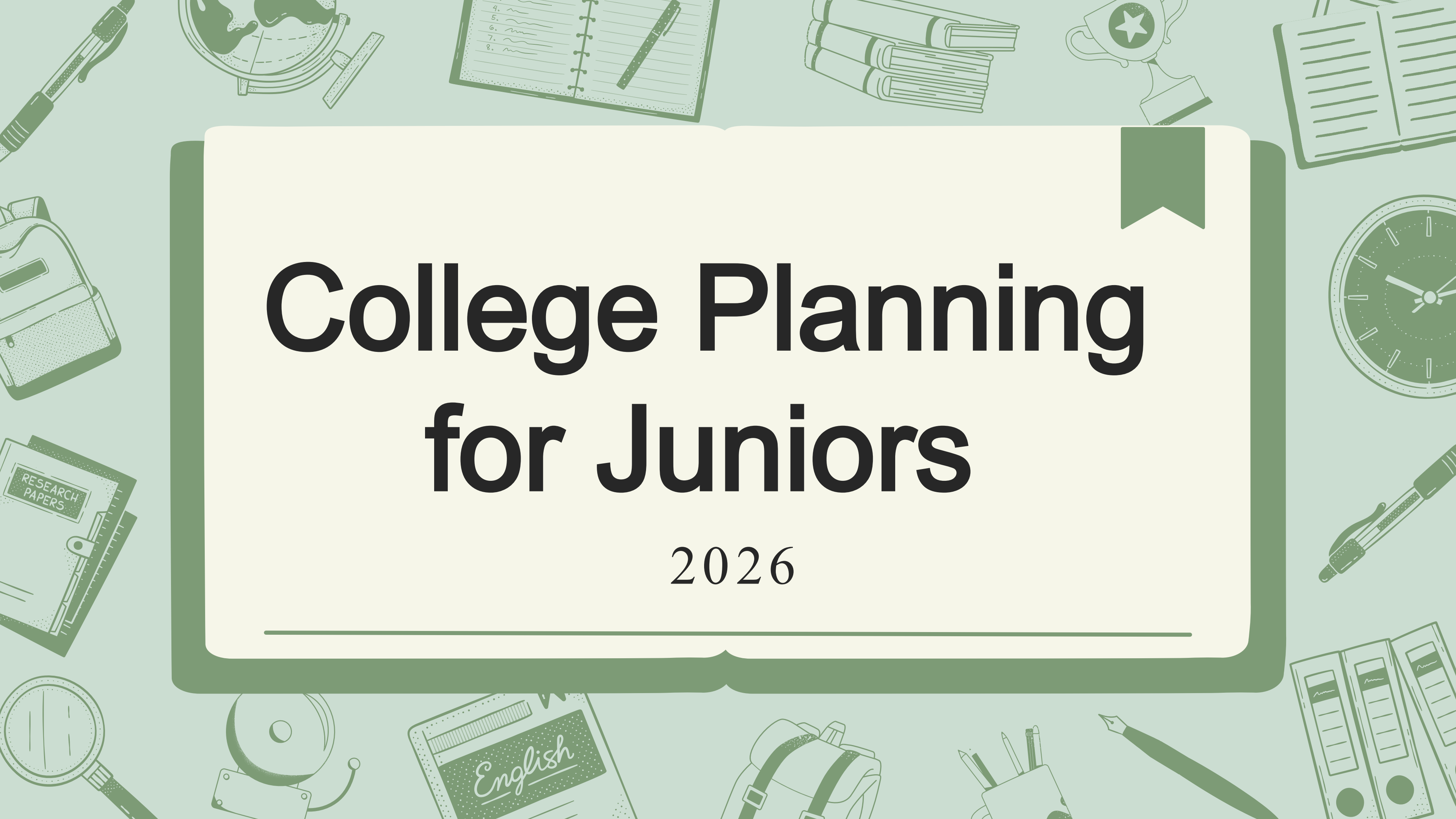


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College Planning for Juniors

2026

Standardized Testing

SAT & ACT

To register and view test dates, visit the respective websites

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.act.org

If you meet the criteria for free or reduced lunch, see your School Counselor for a fee waiver!



Choosing Your College Priorities

- Good Academic Fit
- Distance / Location/ Setting
- College Major / Programs of Study
- Size: Small, Medium, Large
- Type of School: Public, Private, Religious Affiliation
- Campus Life & Culture: Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, Residential Life, etc.
- Total Cost - Including Aid & Scholarships

Using these tips will help you create a balanced list of target, reach and safety schools!



What Are Colleges Looking For?

- Grades/Overall GPA
- Strength of High School Course Selections
- Standardized Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities
- Personal Accomplishments & Leadership Roles
- College Essay
- Letters of Recommendation



Build Your Resume



LEADERSHIP ROLES



CLUBS / EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES



SPORTS, PERFORMING
ARTS OR OTHER TALENTS



FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES



COMMUNITY SERVICE &
VOLUNTEER WORK



EMPLOYMENT

College Athletics



Student athletes who are planning on playing a Division I or Division II sport are required to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse and meet the NCAA's criteria.

Students MUST speak with their counselor as soon as possible as you need to review your course selections and review eligibility with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

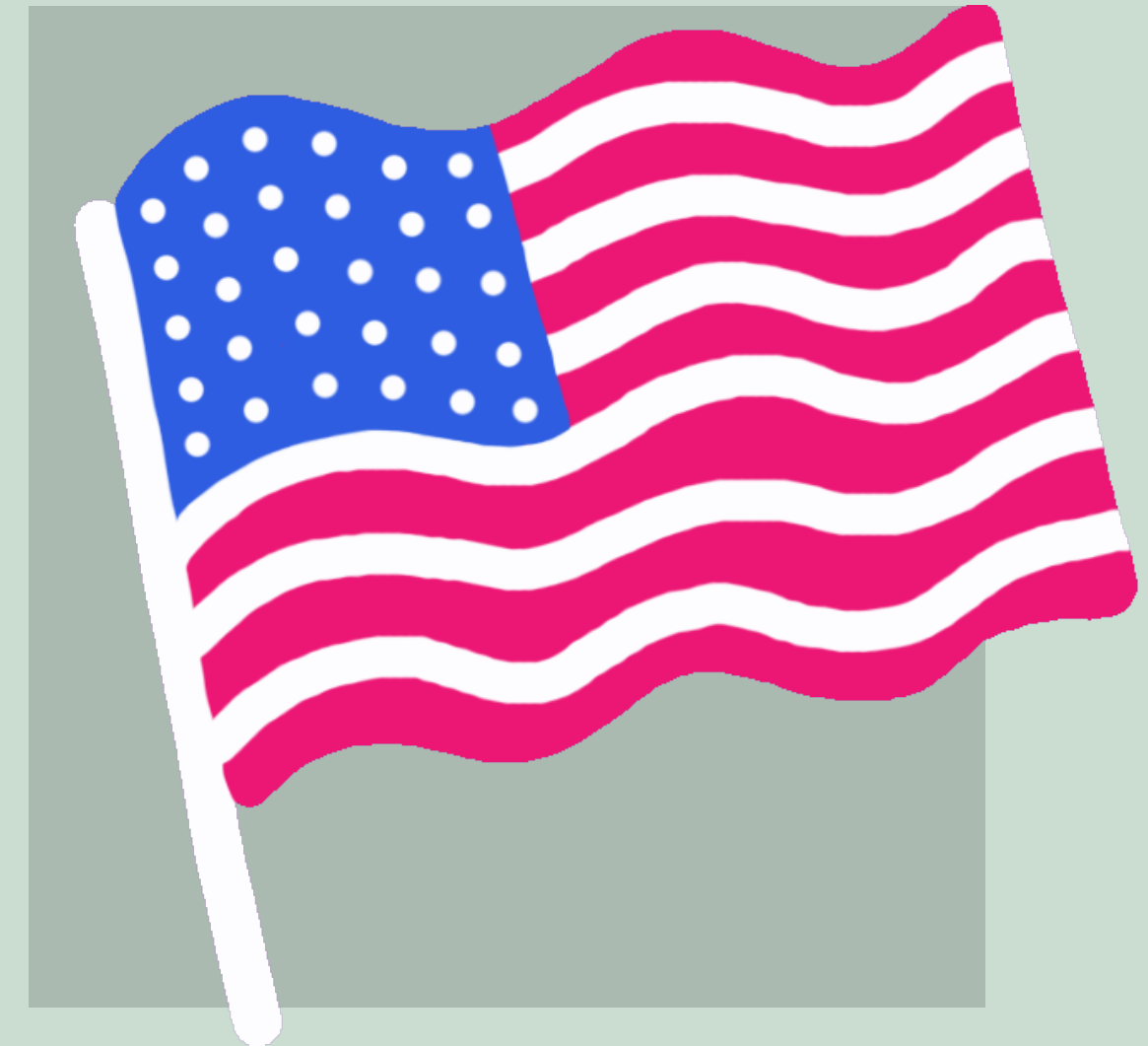
NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse: www.NCAAClearinghouse.net



Military

If you are interested in enlisting, your first step is to speak to a recruiter. You can find a local recruiter by logging onto the respective websites.

All branches of the Armed Forces recommend or require the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), an exam that helps determine the careers for which an individual is best suited.





Community Colleges, Trade & Vocational Schools

Community College

Community colleges provide a general education. Community college is a two -year college. The highest degree available at a community college is an Associate's Degree.



Trade & Vocational Schools

Vocational schools offer career training. A trade school, sometimes referred to as a vocational school, is a post -secondary institution that's designed to give students the technical skills to prepare them for a specific occupation.



SchoolLinks

Schoolinks is a web-based platform where students can explore their interests, strengths, and begin planning for their futures .



To access your SchoolLinks account, begin by going to the William Floyd District Website.

- Click ClassLink
- Select SchoolLinks