



Junior-Year Timeline 2026-2027

All Year

- Maintain your grades, activities and volunteer work. Don't join more than you can handle. Colleges do not count the number of activities, just the depth of your involvement.
- Do college and career research: [Naviance](#), [College Board's Big Future](#), [Career Journeys](#).
- Meet with college and career representatives visiting PRHS. Ask about current majors, careers, admission requirements and scholarships. View list and sign up in [Naviance](#).
- Contact colleges for open house dates or to schedule a visit. Sign up through the admission website to receive information.
- Register with a large scholarship search engine: [Fastweb](#) or [Scholarships.com](#)
- Use [Naviance](#) or Canva to update or create your resume.
- Create an appropriate testing timeline. Attend a [SAT/ACT](#) workshop at PRHS.
- Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) if you plan on pursuing D1 or D2 intercollegiate athletics. Meet with your school counselor to check on your eligibility.
- If currently receiving Special Education support, become familiar with post-secondary [Special Education Services](#). Contact each college/technical school's Disability Services Office for accommodation information and timeline.

October:

- North Pittsburgh College Fair: La Roche College on October 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm.
- Attend Financial Aid Night Webinar on October 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. View webinars [here](#).
- Take the PSAT. Use the [Bluebook](#) app to prepare.

November:December:January

- Research [college majors](#), related [careers](#) and potential future salaries.
- Complete [Pennsylvania State](#) required [Naviance](#) CEW lessons.
- Attend College Planning Night. View [past recordings](#).

January:February:

- Attend the Pittsburgh National College Fair - David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Inquire about admission requirements for both scheduling and admission.
- Review your senior year schedule with your school counselor/admission representative.
- Research summer enrichment programs. Use Naviance, [Teen Life](#). Read Mrs. Whalen's emails.

March:

- Take the [SAT](#) - Saturday, March 6, 2027, at PRHS. Use [Khan Academy](#) to prepare.
- Visit colleges during spring break or take the virtual tour online.
- Begin drafting your college essay/personal statement.

April:

- Take the ACT test on Saturday, April 10, 2027. Test not offered at PRHS.
- Ask two teachers, school counselor to write a letter of recommendation. Provide a resume and complete the Brag Sheet Survey in Naviance.

May:

- [AP](#) exams
- Sat test offered on Saturday, May 1, 2027.

Summer Before Senior Year:

- [SAT](#) tests offered in June, August, September. [ACT](#) tests offered in June and July.
- Attend workshops on the Common Application and Transcript/Teacher Letter of Rec.
- Review your high school transcript. Report any discrepancy.
- Update your resume.
- Compile a list of reach, target and safety schools. Use [Naviance](#) to access past historical data. Be sure to include application types (Early Action, Early Decision, etc.) and deadline dates.