

JUNIOR YEAR CHECK LIST

- ☐ Check with your counselor to make sure your schedule fits your future plans. Continue investigating careers and education after high school. If your plans change, make sure you inform your counselor, as scheduling of courses might also need to change.
- ☐ Sign up to visit with representatives from colleges, universities, technical institutes, and the military at LP and take up to 3 college visits during the school year.
- ☐ Grade point averages aren't only important for colleges and technical institute admissions, but may be important for job placement, scholarship consideration, LP opportunities like WBL and IVCC Early out, and military academic appointment.
- ☐ Attend the College Night at IVCC in October. Talk to many college representatives about your future plans.
- ☐ Illinois high schools require the American College Test (ACT) for graduation which may also be used for college admissions. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is an optional test. Be sure to take the right tests based on your goals. Test registration is completed on-line.
- ☐ If you might be college bound, sign up to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) which will be given in October. The PSAT also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and for IVCC College course and dual credit placement. Consider checking the box that allows your name and address to be shared with colleges in which you have an interest.
- ☐ Prepare for the (required) ACT and (optional) SAT with test prep opportunities and/or classes. Please see your counselor for more information or visit their websites.
- ☐ This year, all juniors will be taking the ACT at LP High School. The test date will be held in the spring semester for which you will be notified.
- ☐ Athletes who feel they might be candidates for Division I or II athletic scholarships should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. See your counselor for information. www.eligibilitycenter.org Interested student athletes should also send ACT and/or SAT scores to NCAA directly.
- ☐ Check graduation requirements to be sure you are taking the courses for the schools or jobs in which you are interested. Examine the possibilities for Advanced Placement, dual credit, and dual enrollment courses.
- ☐ Consider job shadowing at local businesses to help you finalize your future plans. A list of existing job shadowing opportunities is available through the LP Counseling website.
- ☐ Start a list of your school and community activities and awards, if you haven't already. This information is required on many college and scholarship applications.