



Junior Year Academic “To-Do” Checklist

FALL

- ___ Review my transcript to ensure I’m on track for graduation (# of credits and necessary classes)
- ___ Take ISTEP in November, if have not yet passed
- ___ Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data
- ___ Begin exploring colleges online (www.triptocollege.com, www.campustours.com, or <https://indiana.kuder.com>), College Handbook resources in Guidance Office, sign-up for CHS college rep visits
- ___ Take a variety of college campus visits (local, large, small, public, and private) during school vacation days or during the 3 college visit days CHS gives me for junior year. Take note of each school’s Admissions requirements. Request brochures/applications for my college folder.
- ___ Attend CHS Financial Aid night (October 8th @ 6:30 P.M.)
- ___ Take the PSAT **offered at CHS on October 16th**
- ___ Prepare to take the SAT by reviewing PSAT results, online resources (www.collegeboard.com, www.actstudent.org), taking additional practice tests, or prep course
- ___ Register for the SAT and/or ACT (held at CHS in December and June) at least once junior year and **again summer before senior year.**

WINTER

- ___ Make sure to pass first semester **REQUIRED** courses for graduation. See counselor (Ms. Fizer or Mrs. Kimes) ASAP, if I need to make up a credit during 2nd semester.
- ___ Review my transcript to ensure I’m on track for graduation (# of credits and necessary classes)
- ___ Be thinking of senior year class selections
- ___ Begin discussing a financial plan for college with my family
- ___ Attend Academic Showcase with my parents (February 5th @ 6:30 P.M.)
- ___ Turn in my senior year course request sheet **ON TIME**
- ___ Keep a running list of all high school accomplishments, awards, and achievements
- ___ Create relationships with individuals who could write a strong recommendation when I begin applying to colleges

SPRING

- _____ Continue exploring career choices and possible majors (www.bridges.com, <https://indiana.kuder.com> or www.learnmoreindiana.com)
- _____ Look into junior-eligible scholarships
- _____ Take ISTEP, if necessary
- _____ Attend CHS College Fair (March 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm), and add information to college file
- _____ Sign up for Summer School, if needed
- _____ Register at www.parchment.com (Must be registered before I can apply to colleges)

SUMMER

- _____ Take advantage of the summer to job shadow, volunteer, and resume build
- _____ **Make sure my class schedule is correct, PRIOR to registration.**
- _____ Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net), if I am an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college. Also, tell Mrs. Watkins, Guidance Secretary, that I registered so she can send an official transcript.
- _____ Take campus tours and, at the colleges I'm serious about, make appointments to have interviews with Admissions counselors. Narrow selection to about 6-8 colleges.
- _____ Update my resume, which is an electronic Word document to record accomplishments, activities, awards, and work experiences, since you started high school.
- _____ Download applications (or request paper copies) from colleges to which you'll apply. Check application deadline dates, as large universities may have early dates or rolling admissions.