



Junior Year

- WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR? [CLICK HERE FOR SOME IDEAS.](#)
- Stay involved in extra-curricular activities that genuinely interest you.
- Strong academic students should take the PSAT ([PSAT info](#)) in the fall to try to qualify for National Merit scholarships. Register in Guidance in late September.
- Attend the school and local college fairs to get information on colleges and to talk with admissions representatives.
- Begin to develop a list of possible colleges. Use the Internet to find out more about specific colleges and universities. [Click here for several college searches.](#)
- Check the entrance requirements for the schools you are interested in attending. i.e. Do you need to take the Writing section of the ACT, the SAT subject matter exams...
- Begin the scholarship search. Research scholarships that are online and start to gather information on college costs at the schools in which you are interested. [Click here for several Scholarship Searches.](#)

- Take the ACT or SAT in the spring or summer. [Click here to apply for the ACT on line.](#)
[Click here to register for the SAT on line.](#)
- Practice before you take the tests!! [ACT Test Prep : Sample questions](#) [SAT Test Prep: Sample questions](#) [Click here for the ACT online practice](#) (ACHS students all have a username & password)
- Be sure to have your scores sent to the top colleges that you are considering at this time.
- If you hope to play sports in college check out the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. [Click here for eligibility standards.](#) If seeking athletic scholarships, you need to register with the Clearinghouse. [Click here to register.](#) **DON'T FORGET TO REQUEST AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. YOU MUST ALSO SEND ACT/SAT SCORES DIRECTLY FROM ACT OR SAT.**
- Are you considering a career in art, music or architecture? Then begin to prepare portfolios of your artwork or audition tapes for college admissions and/or scholarships. [For an example click here to see the portfolio requirements for admission to the UTK school of Architecture.](#)
- Read your college mail and send reply cards back to schools of interest. Make a box or large folder for all your college information.
- Don't rule out expensive or private schools – you may be able to afford them with a good financial aid package. (They work hard to help students they want!)
- Take the registration process seriously; choose your courses carefully to make sure you have the courses you need for graduation. Discuss course selection with your parents. Continue to take challenging classes to prepare you for college/career.
- Be sure you meet ACES requirements. [Click here to check.](#)
- Attend (with your parents) the Junior parent meeting in the Auditorium.
- Take advantage of information on the internet. Click here to [Browse articles from FastWeb!](#)
- Discuss with your vocational teacher career possibilities in your chosen field.
- Summer: Visit the top 3 schools in which you are interested. The best way to know if a school “fits” you is to get a feel for the place by visiting. Use the college comparison worksheet ([Click here](#)) Refer to the college visit checklist & be

prepared for a college interview. [Campus Visit Checklist](#) [The College Interview](#)

- Summer: Update your resume folder with extra-curricular activities, awards, volunteer work, & jobs for this year. Organize a written resume for college/scholarship applications. [Click here for resume tips.](#) Take advantage of on-line resume tips: [Click here.](#) Info from e-campus tours: [Click here.](#)
- Summer: Use the FAFSA4caster or ACT need estimator to determine possible financial aid. Start thinking about your college budget! [Click here for the FAFSA4caster - U.S. Department of Education.](#) [Click here for ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator](#)
- Summer: Get a part-time job or volunteer in a profession that interests you.