

JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

11th Grade (Junior Year) - Fall

- Start exploring your post high school possibilities. Write down your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities.
- Begin your college search through recommended internet sites, reference guides available in the Guidance Office, the High School Library or local town library.
- Explore careers and majors available.
- Talk with friends, family, and teachers about their career experiences.
- Discuss your possibilities with your high school counselor.
- Use your Fall Break to visit some colleges.
- If you have not already passed the Graduation Qualifying Exam, be sure you are scheduled to retake the ECA in December.
- Attend local and regional college fairs, presentations of visiting college representatives both within the high school and in the metropolitan area.
- Take the PSAT given at BHS in October during school. Prepare for this by visiting www.CollegeBoard.com and check out their College Board Test page for links to tips and sample questions.
- Meet with college representatives who visit BHS.

11th Grade (Junior Year) - Winter

- Junior Parent College Info Night
- Review your PSAT report with answer key provided to determine your weaknesses. College Board will help you develop a study plan - available through their website.
- Find lists of colleges, majors, and careers right for you through the College Board Website or the Learn More Indiana Website.
- During winter break find out the real scoop on college from your friends who have come home from campus.
- Plan on taking the SAT and/or ACT sometime during the spring. Test dates and registration deadlines are available in the Guidance Office and or online. Practice tests available in the Guidance Office. If you are on free or reduced lunch, see your Guidance Counselor to get a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT test.
- Begin planning visits to colleges of interest to you. Juniors have one day they may use as a planned college visit day. Another good time is Spring Break, or the summer months to explore campuses. Appointments can be made by contacting the admission's offices at universities.

11th Grade (Junior Year) - Spring

- Take the SAT and/or ACT test.
- Meet with Counselor to prepare for senior year and college.
- Review your senior year class schedule with your counselor.
- Challenge yourself with honors and AP classes and Dual Credit Opportunities.
- Arrange enriching summer activities, including volunteering, getting an interesting job or internship, and enrolling in summer classes at colleges.
- Create and maintain a personal resume to use in the upcoming year for applications and scholarship applications.
- If you are hoping to play a sport in college, talk to your coach and ask for help in meeting college coaches. Register for Initial-Eligibility with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Listen for announcements from Guidance about scholarships open to juniors.

11th-to-12th Grade Summer (Junior-to-Senior Year)

- Take campus tours.
- Schedule interviews with admission counselors at colleges you're serious about.
- Request applications and financial aid information from these colleges.
- Check important dates; some universities have early deadlines or rolling admissions – November 1st is a common deadline for early admission and scholarship opportunities.
- Ask your summer employer for a recommendation letter on letterhead that you can use during your senior year for applications. (Don't forget to say thank you!)