

JUNIOR COLLEGE TIMELINE

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August 2019

- Research Colleges @ collegedata.com
- Set up your Coalition Profile to start creating your college portfolio
- Study for the ACT and/or SAT using Khan Academy and ACT Academy!! (NOTE: If you want to stay in Texas at public universities, scholarships are tied to SAT/ACT scores. Out-of-state and private schools may be more affordable/flexible)
 - o https://www.khanacademy.org/sat
 - o https://academy.act.org
- Deadline August 16: Register for the September 14 ACT! (Let us know if you need a fee waiver!)
- Test Date 8/24: SAT

September 2019

- September 21: Attend ASP College Kick Off Event!
- Register & use <u>SCOIR</u> to research colleges and work with your College Advisor to create a potential college list
- **Deadline 9/6**: Register for the Oct. 5 SAT
- Test Date 9/14: ACT
- Deadline 9/20: Register for the Oct. 26 ACT
- Study for the ACT and/or SAT!
- Be on the lookout for college visits at school! Register for visits on **Scoir** to speak with college reps and learn about new universities

October 2019

- October 1: FAFSA opens for seniors. Take this time to begin learning about financial aid and which schools might be affordable for you
- Study for the **ACT** and/or **SAT**!!
- **Deadline 10/3**: Register for the Nov. 2 SAT
- Test Date 10/5: SAT
- Test Date 10/26: ACT
- Make sure you are maintaining your **grades**! Your junioryear grades are especially important to colleges.

November 2019

- Test Date 11/2: SAT
- Deadline 11/8: Register for the Dec. 7 SAT
- Deadline 11/8: Register for the Dec. 14 ACT
- Study for the ACT and/or SAT!!

December 2019

- Study for the **ACT** and/or **SAT**!!
- Test Date 12/7: SAT
- Test Date 12/14: ACT
- Continue to research colleges on Scoir and collegedata.com

January 2020

- Study for the ACT and/or SAT using Khan Academy and ACT Academy!! (NOTE: If you want to stay in Texas at public universities, scholarships are tied to SAT/ACT scores. Out-of-state and private schools may be more affordable/flexible)
- **Deadline 1/10:** Register for the Feb 8 ACT
- Many colleges have summer programs that you can apply for <u>now</u>: start researching, applying, and ask your College Advisor for suggestions!

February 2020

- Research colleges/work with your College Advisor to make a more complete college list
- Make sure you are maintaining your **grades**! Your junioryear grades are especially important to colleges.
- Study for the SAT/ACT!!!
- Test Date 2/8: ACT
- Continue planning your **Summer 2020**. More ideas:
 - o Apply to a college fly-in program!
 - Apply for an internship or job
 - Sign up to volunteer (something you enjoy, or a cause you care about!)
 - o Take dual-credit classes (ETC.!)
- **Deadline 2/14:** Register for the March 14 SAT
- **Deadline 2/28:** Register for the April 4 ACT

March 2020

- <u>In-School Test Date 3/6: SAT</u> (all qualifying juniors should be registered)
- Deadline 3/8: Register for the April 13 ACT
- Considering visiting college campuses during spring break to get an idea of what sort of campus community you want!
- Test Date 3/14: SAT
- Continue to plan activities for the summer! See your College Advisor if you need more ideas.

April 2020

- Parents and students **SAVE 2018 & 2019 Tax Return Information** (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, and W2s) for college financial aid applications! (FAFSA or TASFA, CSS Profile--get to know them!)
- **Deadline 4/3:** Register for the May 2 SAT
- Test Date 4/4: ACT
- Look into your top 3-4 colleges: plan a **visit**, or check if they have a summer **fly-in program!** (Many fly-in programs provide financial assistance!)

Whatever your summer activities may include (work, classes, volunteering, etc.), make sure that you **enjoy** them!

May 2020

- Adjust college lists as necessary
- **EARLY MAY:** Decide who is going to write your teacher recommendations and <u>ask</u> if they are willing to provide you a strong recommendation. (**NOTE:** ask teachers with whom you have a good relationshipteachers that can speak well on your behalf)
- Do your colleges require a counselor recommendation?

 Make sure to touch base with your counselor or College

 Advisor if you will need one!
- Test Date 5/2: SAT
- **Deadline 5/8:** Register for the June 13 ACT
- Deadline 5/8: Register for the June 6 SAT and/or SAT IIs (final SAT until August)
- Continue to look into fly-in programs for the summer/fall
- Add AP Capstone Projects / Final Projects / Papers you want to save to your Coalition Locker, in case you need them in the college application process
- Sign up for the **ASP Summer College Application Boot Camp** to start your applications/essays! (Details TBA)

Summer 2020

- Test Date 6/6: SAT
- Test Date 6/13: ACT
- **Deadline 6/19:** Register for the July 18 ACT
- Think **ahead**: will you need to retake the SAT or ACT in the fall? Stay tuned for fall 2020 registration deadlines!
- Begin working on applications and essays (While Common App, Coalition, and Apply Texas may not be available until early August, their essay prompts can be found online!)