



# College Checklist for High School Juniors

Junior year of high school is usually the most difficult. Not only is it the year in which you take your toughest classes, but it's also the year in which talk about college prep is the most intense. But don't worry; you still have time to do what you need to do.

What's more, you can attend college fairs and narrow down your choices, you can visit and tour them, you can apply for scholarships and job shadow, you can update your résumé, and you can talk to your parents about finances. Your junior year is also when you can take and/or retake the ACT and SAT. That's a lot to do, but your teachers and counselors know about your to-dos and are ready to help and cheer you on.

- ☐ Meet with your school administrator at the beginning of each 9-weeks
  - ☐ During the first meeting review your grades from the previous year
    - Find out what your current GPA is
    - Ask if you're on track to graduate on time
    - Inquire about local scholarships
    - Decide when to take the SAT/ACT
- ☐ Re-visit your college list and try and narrow it down to a top 10
- ☐ Attend college fairs
- ☐ Consider job-shadowing a few professionals working in your dream career
- ☐ Apply for some scholarships
- ☐ Visit colleges from your list and start reaching out to admission counselors for more information
- ☐ Take the SAT and/or ACT
- ☐ Sit down with your parents to talk about finances and commitments
- ☐ Enroll in test prep
- ☐ Update your activity résumé at the end of the year
- ☐ Make summer plans
  - ☐ Re-access and review your chosen career path
  - ☐ Visit colleges
  - ☐ Consider getting a Summer job
  - ☐ Earn community service hours by volunteering
  - ☐ Job shadow a professional
- ☐ At the end of the year narrow down your college list to top 7 schools
- ☐ Brainstorm college essay topics and create outlines