

TJHS Counseling Office: Junior→ Senior Year Timeline

Spring

- Register for SAT and/or ACT tests at www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org
 - SAT offered at TJ on May 2 (register by April 3 to avoid late fee)
 - Use Khan Academy to study for the SAT
- Put together list of colleges that you plan to apply to and check admission requirements
 - Add those to your Naviance account
- Register for SAT Subject Tests if your colleges of choice require them
- Begin working on college essay prompts (Common Application prompts are already released)
- Prospective NCAA Division I or Division II athletes, register at www.eligibilitycenter.org. work on your GPA in your NCAA-core classes!
- Consider summer programs or a summer job
- Plan summer college visits
- Check college admission requirements against your own course selections at TJ
- Take AP Exams – May
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, and/or your school counselor

Summer

- Begin applying to colleges as applications become available
- Schedule summer college visits/college interviews
- Visit colleges and/or employment opportunities during summer vacation
- Work on your resume
- Update your Naviance account
- Use Khan Academy to prepare if you are taking the SAT again

September

- Complete a transcript release form in the Counseling Office (must have a parent signature if you are under 18)
- Complete the “Colleges I’m Applying To” portion of your Naviance account
 - See the College Application Process document for steps to request transcripts and letters of recommendation
 - Send official scores, if needed, at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Visit colleges that you are interested in
- Register for another SAT if you are not happy with your scores (study at Khan Academy)
- Register for SAT Subject Tests if your colleges of interest require them
- Register for another ACT if you are not happy with your scores

- Meet with college representatives, military recruiters, or employers that visit TJ

October

- Register for AP Exams, if applicable
- Continue working on college applications, update your Naviance account
 - Send official scores, if needed, at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, and/or your school counselor
- Meet with college representatives, military recruiters, or employers that visit TJ
- Complete FAFSA to qualify for financial aid at www.fafsa.gov
- Complete CSS Profile (if your college requires it)
- Check deadlines for your colleges applications and financial aid – THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME
- Complete all college applications if applying early decision or early action

November

- Continue working on college applications, update your Naviance account
 - Send official scores, if needed, at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Work on scholarship applications, check TJHS website
- Be aware of college application and financial aid deadlines!
- If you're not considering college, talk to your counselor about cost-free apprenticeships and training programs (<http://buildersguild.org/index.php>, <https://www.ncsquared.com/>)

December

- Finish college applications, update your Naviance account
 - Request official transcripts on Naviance (at least 3 days before winter break begins for Jan. 1 deadlines—*nothing will be sent over break*)
 - Send official scores, if needed, at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Work on scholarship applications, check TJHS website
- Be aware of college application and financial aid deadlines!

January/February

- Work on scholarship applications, check TJHS website
- Notify your counselor if you need mid-year reports sent

March/April/May

- Work on scholarship applications, check TJHS website
- Finalize your post-graduation plans