

JUNIOR COLLEGE TIMELINE

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August 2021

- Research Colleges @ collegedata.com
- Set up your Coalition Profile to start creating your college portfolio! You may be eligible for summer experience scholarships by using it!
- Study for the ACT and/or SAT using Khan Academy and ACT Academy!! (NOTE: If you want to stay in Texas at public universities, many scholarships are tied to strong SAT/ACT scores. Out-of-state and private schools may be more affordable/flexible)
 - https://www.khanacademy.org/sat
 - o https://academy.act.org
- Deadline August 6: Register for the September 11 ACT! (Let us know if you need a fee waiver!)
- Test Date 8/28: SAT

September 2021

- Attend ASP College Kick Off Event!
- Register & use <u>SCOIR</u> to research colleges and take your career inventory
- Deadline 9/3: Register for the Oct. 2 SAT
- Test Date 9/11: ACT
- **Deadline 9/17:** Register for the Oct. 23 ACT
- Study for the ACT and/or SAT!
- Be on the lookout for college visits! Come meet college reps and learn about new universities

October 2021

- 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 10/8: Register for the Nov. 6 SAT
- Test Date 10/2: SAT
- Test Date 10/23: ACT
- Make sure you are maintaining your **grades**!

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November 2021

- What are you doing to build your resume? Make sure you're spending your time doing things you love! If you don't love them enough to write about them, find something else to do!
- Test Date 11/6: SAT
- Deadline 11/4: Register for the Dec. 4 SAT
- Deadline 11/5: Register for the Dec. 11 ACT
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- Test Date 12/4: SAT
- Test Date 12/11: ACT
- Continue to research colleges on Scoir and collegedata.com

January 2022

- 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. Outof-state and private schools may be more affordable/flexible)
- Deadline 1/7: Register for the Feb 12 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 2022

- Research colleges/work with your College Advisor to make a more complete college list
- Make sure you are maintaining your <u>grades</u>! Your junior-year grades are especially important to colleges.
- Study for the SAT/ACT!!!
- Test Date 2/12: ACT
- Continue planning your <u>Summer 2022</u>. More ideas:
 - 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!)
 - Take classes in a subject you're curious to learn
 - Immerse yourself in something you love to do (go to camp, practice your hobby, learn something new, etc!)
- **Deadline 2/11:** Register for the March 12 SAT
- Deadline 2/25: Register for the April 2 ACT

March 2022

- In-School Test Date 3/2: SAT (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 3/12: SAT
- Continue to plan activities for the summer! See your College Advisor if you need more ideas.

April 2022

- Parents and students **SAVE 2021 Tax Return Information** (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, and W2s)
 for college financial aid applications! (FAFSA or TASFA, CSS Profile--get to know them!)
- Deadline 4/8: Register for the May 7 SAT
- Test Date 4/2: 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!)

May 2022

- 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 relationship--teachers that will speak well on your behalf)
- Do your colleges require a counselor recommendation? Make sure to touch base with your College Advisor if you will need one!
 - Test Date 5/7: SAT
- Deadline 5/6: Register for the June 11 ACT
- **Deadline 5/5:** Register for the June 4 SAT
- 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!

Summer 2022

- Test Date 6/4: SAT
 - Test Date 6/11: ACT
- **Deadline 6/17:** Register for the July 16 ACT
- Think ahead: will you need to retake the SAT or ACT in the fall? Stay tuned for fall 2022 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!)
- Whatever your summer activities may include (work, classes, volunteering, etc.), make sure that you **enjoy** them!