

## Junior Roadmap

This roadmap is structured to help you navigate and make the most of your junior year. After review, parents/guardians and students are encouraged to contact Mr. Breske for information and assistance.

Begin solidifying post-high plans:

- € September – December  
[www.sdmylife.com](http://www.sdmylife.com) – explore interests, careers, majors, schools and more. (If you need help logging in see Mr. Breske)

What career area/areas are you interested in? 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

- € What kind of post-high training is needed for your intended career?

- Apprenticeship
- Technical School
- College/University
- Other

- € September – March

Schedule a Job Shadow: a 3 to 4-hour onsite job experience. See Mr. Breske for coordinating.

- € September

Sign up for one of three college trips with Mr. Breske:

- University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Southeast Technical Institute.
- Each student may choose one of three trips.
- Throughout the school year and during summer - students, with their parents/guardians, are encouraged to take additional college visits. Typical college/tech school visits include information about application process, costs, financial aid, scholarships, housing, campus life and a meeting with a professor teaching in your program area or major. Go to the admissions page on school websites for info and to register, or call to set up your personal visit.

**Job Shadows and College Visits are encouraged. If a student goes on a school day, visits are exempt absences when prep work is completed with Mr. Breske before going.**

- € September – February

- Meet with college/tech school representatives and military recruiters. All of our South Dakota schools and military send representatives to our school throughout the year, especially in the fall. They either have a table set up during lunches or they set up in the counselor's office. Students can meet with representatives to learn what each has to offer and ask questions. Meetings usually last 15 to 20 minutes and are a highly effective use of time.

- € September – Register for optional ACT Fall Prep Series at LHS

Begins October 2nd – see ACT Prep Series in a separate email.

- € October

Optional PSAT exam. This is the pre-SAT exam and is used for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifier Exam. Why take it? It is structured similarly to the ACT exam, is good practice for taking a high stakes college admissions test, and students receive a very useful score report.

Exam date: October 12 at LHS. Registration deadline: September 30.

- € Optional: Register online for ACT Test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Suggested test dates for Juniors:  
December 12  
February 6  
April 17
- Waivers are available for students on free/reduced lunch. Limit of 2 waivers per student. Students can pick up forms from Mr. Breske.
- Why take the ACT?
- It is required for college admission
  - It is required for taking English or Math college dual credit courses during senior year
  - Scores are used for English and Math placement in college
- € Optional: ASVAB test: October 28 – for military acceptance and occupational options
- Registration deadline with Mr. Breske – October 21.
- € November - Dual Credit registration for spring semester  
Requirements: **South Dakota College course registration** - 3.5gpa for colleges  
**Technical school course registration** - principal/counselor approval
- € Required: April - South Dakota Smarter Balanced Math, English and Science – scores can be used to determine
- College Math and English placement
  - To determine LHS ‘senior privileges’
- € April – Dual Credit registration for fall semester senior year.
- € Youth Internship – optional for senior year. Job Shadow required during Junior year. Talk to Mr. Allison or Mr. Breske for more information.
- 1 or 2 semester onsite work experience

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