

COLLEGE CHECKLIST

***note:** these are general guidelines, not an all-inclusive list for all colleges.

JUNIOR YEAR

Keep those grades up! Many scholarships are based on your GPA through the spring term of your junior year.
Wanting to play a sport in college? Make sure you are taking the right classes to be eligible. See your counselor.

August

- ☐ Register for PSAT (if applicable)
- ☐ Club Fair - Join a club!

September

- ☐ Begin making academic resume: record dates and details of awards, activities, volunteerism.

October

- ☐ Are you taking an AP class? If so, register and pay for test.
- ☐ Optional: Take PSAT

December/January

- ☐ College Junior Days - find out about opportunities at perspective schools
- ☐ Study for the ACT - it's coming up in February.

February

- ☐ Interested in National Honor Society? The application window is now open.
- ☐ **FREE ACT** given to all juniors at FSHS

March

- ☐ Continue your research into colleges. Campus visit?
- ☐ Continue your research into potential careers. Xello. Set up a job shadow if possible.

April

- ☐ Start thinking about how you will spend your summer. Volunteer opportunities? Internship? College visits?

May

- ☐ AP Exams (if applicable)

June/July

- ☐ Create a "short list" of colleges you are interested in (3-10 schools).
- ☐ Continue your research into the colleges you are interested in. Campus visits.
- ☐ Can start applying to some colleges (if not using Common App)
- ☐ Look at college essay prompts and start rough drafts.

SENIOR YEAR

August

- ☐ Research and create a "short list" of colleges you are interested in (3-10 schools).
- ☐ Research merit scholarships for the schools you are interested in.
- ☐ Create a Common App account if applying to multiple schools.

September

- ☐ Schedule your senior meeting with your counselor
- ☐ Complete academic resume: record dates and details of awards, activities, volunteerism.
- ☐ Continue updating Common App. Check deadlines.
- ☐ Need a letter of rec? Give your teachers/counselor **at least 2-3 weeks notice.**

October

- ☐ FAFSA opens - complete online
- ☐ Kansas Apply Free Days Oct 6-8
- ☐ Are you taking an AP class? If so, register and pay for test.

- ☐ Early action and early decision deadline for many schools is due on Nov. 1 (see specific school deadlines)

December

- ☐ Local Scholarships become available. Start applications.
- ☐ Last chance to take the ACT and use it towards scholarship applications (where applicable)

January

- ☐ Work on local scholarship applications and other scholarship applications.

February

- ☐ Deadline to submit improved ACT/GPA to schools for scholarship reconsideration
- ☐ Local Scholarship apps due

March

- ☐ Continue your research into potential careers. Xello. Set up a job shadow if possible.
- ☐ Look at deadlines for the college you are attending (payment, housing, etc).

April

- ☐ The request form for the Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) becomes available at studentloans.gov. This form is required for parents who plan to borrow the PLUS loan.

May

- ☐ May 1: Priority deadline for Kansas students to apply for state financial aid (kansasregents.org)
- ☐ AP Exams (if applicable)

June/July/August

- ☐ Attend school orientation session
- ☐ If you have been awarded a Federal Work Study, research job openings on campus and apply
- ☐ Arrive on campus!