

JUNIORS ONLY EDITION - Class of 2025

Junior/Senior Checklist

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High School Guidance News

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Guidance Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/jtowndrakes.org/jenkintown-hs-guidance/>

Guidance Parent Newsletter Archive: [HERE](#)

Articles/Resources

- ★ **Ever wonder how Social Media Profiles play into College Admissions?** [THIS](#) is a great article to read and [THIS](#) one too.
- ★ **NEED MORE HELP WITH FINDING A MAJOR → TAKE THESE TWO QUIZZES**
 - [Loyola University Major Quiz](#)
 - [Big Futures Career Quiz](#)
- ★ **What Can I do with this major??** Whether you are exploring various majors or searching for information about your chosen field of study, these online resources can help.
 1. <https://career.berkeley.edu/start-exploring/majors-to-career/what-can-i-do-with-a-major-in/>
 2. <https://careercenter.utsa.edu/resources/what-can-i-do-with-my-major/>
 3. <https://www.myplan.com/majors/what-to-do-with-a-major.php>
 4. <https://www.onetonline.org/>
 5. [What Do You Want to do for a Living](#)
- ★ **7 Tips for Amazing College Visits** - read all about it [HERE](#) and make sure to check out these resources:
 - [College Visit 101](#): Questions Students and Parents Should Ask During a College Visit
 - [NACAC College Visit Checklists](#): Packet includes ---->Campus Diversity, Student Organizations & Support, Financial Aid, Academic Support, Campus Safety, Housing
 - [Which College to Choose Checklist](#)
 - [College Non-Negotiables Checklist and Self-Reflection](#)
 - [How to get the MOST out of a College Fair checklist and questions](#)

The Class of 2025

COLLEGE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Are you prepared for Senior Year? Are you considering applying to College?
Have you done the following?

1. Did you submit the **TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM** ([HERE](#)) to Guidance? (**REQUIRED**)
*Due by **June 18, 2024**. We must have this form on file before we can send out your transcript and supporting materials to colleges/universities/scholarships.*

2. Please be advised that the Guidance Office suggests that you ask at least two (2) **academic** teachers for a college recommendation – **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS** ([HERE](#)).

- ASK YOUR TEACHER FIRST - before giving them a form.
- Please give **two (2) teachers** the [Teacher Recommendation Form](#) by the end of **May** (latest by June 13). If you do not give the teachers this form, they **WILL NOT** write a recommendation for you....this is a **REQUIRED** form. Do not delay!
- **Teacher Forms go directly to the teacher** - do not give them to guidance.

3. Make sure to update your **Personal Bio and Activities/Achievements** in SCOIR account **by the end of the school year** (**REQUIRED**):

- Teachers & Guidance will have access to your SCOIR account list of activities/achievements, so please make sure that is up-to-date! ALL teachers & counselors require this item to be completed when writing a student's recommendation!

4. You **MUST** complete and turn in a **RESUME** in your GOOGLE Classroom. (**REQUIRED**)

HINT: Make sure that you also complete the **Common App Top 10 Activities/Top 5 Honors Packet** (GOOGLE DOC or packet). This will help you keep your activities/jobs/community service all organized. If you already have a Resume - upload it to your Google Class of 2025

5. Did you fill out the **GUIDANCE MEMO** (GOOGLE DOC)? (**REQUIRED**)

This form **MUST** be completed in your **Guidance Class 2025 Google Classroom** in order for a counselor recommendation to be written. Make sure to get started on this early, there are a lot of questions and you just might find that one of your answers would be a great college essay!!!

REMEMBER—This is a **REQUIRED** form!! Please have this completed by the end of the year – June 18, 2024.

6. Give a person or persons in your family the **BRAG SHEET' FOR COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS** ([HERE](#)). While this is not required, we find that parents give wonderful information to include in the Guidance Recommendation. Family members are welcome to email their answers to Ms. Kafkalas.

HINT: More than one person can fill this out for you!

7. Make sure to keep the list of colleges you are **"FOLLOWING"** updated in SCOIR.

8. **IF YOU HAVE Official SAT and/or ACT scores - you will want to send them to your schools in September/October 2024 – SENIOR YEAR**

- **DO NOT** send your scores this year (in your Junior Year): If you decide to use test scores as part of admissions - Start sending your scores in your Senior Year.
- Remember- The high school transcript **WILL NOT** list SAT/ACT scores; it will be **YOUR** responsibility to send your scores directly to your schools.
- Don't wait too long in the fall to send in your scores. Once you submit your request to College Board and/or ACT, it can take up to three weeks for the scores to be sent and received.
- Some schools will allow you to **self-report your test scores** (saving you money) (*make sure to always check the school's website to learn about their official school testing policy*).
- Keep in mind that many colleges will be [TEST-OPTIONAL](#) next year. **We will help you strategize on whether you will submit your scores.**
- Upcoming [ACT Exams](#): June 8 and July 13
- Upcoming [SAT Exams](#): June 1, August 24*, October 5* *Registration opens up for these dates **June 2024**
If you have questions and/or need help with this, please make sure to reach out to Ms. Kafkalas

If you have ANY Questions - please see Ms. Kafkalas

******* QUICK SUMMARY OF *REQUIRED* ITEMS *******

1. *Transcript Release Form* - Paper form to Ms. Kafkalas
2. *Updating Personal Bio and Activities/Achievements* in SCOIR
3. *Turn in your RESUME* in Class 2025 Google Classroom
4. *Guidance Memo* in Class 2025 Google Classroom