

10th Grade Timeline - Tenth Grade Year

All Year

- Routinely sign into your JCPS email and make sure that your parents/guardians are signing in to Parent Portal!
- Don't forget about your ILP account: monitor and revise your four-year course plan, find great links to career videos/websites, take career interest surveys, and much more!
- Continue to explore future careers that match with your interests, skills, and strengths:
 - Participate in a job shadow
 - Do an off-campus internship
 - Visit local businesses
 - Take a college campus tour
 - Meet with military recruiters
 - Start to narrow down post-secondary choice: 2 or 4-year college, technical school, military, or work force

Fall

- In **October**, take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for practice (Suggested primarily for students who have already completed Geometry)
- Familiarize yourself with college/technical school/work force/military entrance requirements

Winter

- If you're not already involved in an activity (in school or outside of school), find something you're interested in! A list of school clubs/activities can be found on the school website.
- Participate in community service or other volunteer activity.
- If you need help in your classes: talk to your teacher, counselor, or go to after-school intervention every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-3:30.
- Course Selection Process - February

Spring

- Keep your grades up! You're almost there!
- Continue to explore interests and careers that you think you might like
- End of Course Exams - May
- Pick classes for junior year
- Explore options for part-time work, internships, career shadowing, or volunteering over the summer

Exploring College Options...

- Visit college campuses, sign-up for college rep visits in the counseling office, attend college fairs, talk to admissions counselors, and research college entrance requirements
- Decide whether you want to take the SAT (collegeboard.org), ACT (actstudent.org), or both (check out princetonreview.com for information about both exams)
- Learn more about college cost and financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you (cost, distance from home, size, campus life)
- Consider AP or Dual Enrollment courses to prepare for college level work

Other Helpful Websites:

www.todaysmilitary.com

www.educationplanner.org

****Make sure to continue to update your high school resume with your accomplishments, activities, shadowing, volunteering, and work experiences!**