



Junior College Planning Timeline

Junior Year

- ☐ **Work hard in Junior Classes!** Your GPA will be set at the end of Junior year so this is your last chance to give that a boost! Whatever your GPA is at the end of Jr Year is what colleges will get.
- ☐ **Make an ACT/SAT Plan**
 - Juniors take an Official ACT during school in March.
 - Juniors can also test on Saturday's. **See Test Dates:** [ACT National Test Dates](#)
 - Register for the ACT: [act.org](#)
 - Register for SAT: [sat.org](#)
 - What's the Difference? [ACT vs SAT?](#)
 - [ACT Test Prep Options](#)
- ☐ **Go on [College Visits](#)**
 - **Can you miss School?**
 - Yes, you get (1) College Visit day Junior year. You get (3) Senior year.
 - **How do you schedule College Visits?**
 - You do this on the College websites.
 - Simply Google "Visit WKU" or "Visit Ohio State"
- ☐ **Make a [List of Colleges](#) you are interested in**
 - Schedule a Meeting with your BHS Counselor or use these Online Resources to help:
 - [College Scorecard](#) - Search and compare colleges!
 - [Niche](#) - Make Free Account, Explore Colleges and Scholarships!
 - [EncourageMe](#) - Make Free Account, Explore Colleges and Scholarships!
 - [College Express](#) - Make Free Account, Explore Colleges and Scholarships!
 - [College Data Website](#) (Acceptance Rates, Ave Test Scores, etc)
 - [College List Template](#)
- ☐ **Do Career Exploration** This can help you decide what Colleges might be a good fit for you!
 - **Job Shadow / Talk to people in careers that interest you**
 - **Do Online Career Exploration:**
 - [Fastest Growing Occupation](#)
 - [Link College Majors to Careers](#)
 - [Kentucky Dashboard](#) (Majors & Related Careers)
 - [US Occupation Search](#) (Salary & Education Needed)
- ☐ **SIGN-UP for a BHS COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP!!**
 - These happen the first week of August when College Apps open! BHS Counselors run these!
 - Rising Seniors will start a college application, learn about scholarships, and more!
 - ***SIGN-UP: College App Workshops 2026***



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Summer Before Senior Year

- ☐ Go on [College Visits!!](#)
- ☐ Work on your [your College List](#) (schools you might want to apply to)
- ☐ [Register for ACT](#) if you want to take it again
 - ☐ There is an ACT in Sept and October. October is the last ACT that some colleges will take.
 - ☐ Some will take the Dec ACT, but for most October is last shot!
- ☐ **August 1** is when most colleges 'open' their applications. This is when you can start applying.
- ☐ **Attend a BHS College Application Workshop** (held the first week of August)
- ☐ Review the [Senior Year College Planning Timeline](#)

More Resources:

[On-Demand Video Series from Notre Dame](#) (Topics: Crafting the Perfect College Essay, Preparing Your Application)

 **College Essay Tips & How to Start (BHS)

 **Where to Find Scholarships? (BHS)

 **Application Checklist (BHS Current)

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For more Resources & to Contact a BHS Counselor: [BHS Counseling Website](#)