TIMELINE AND CHECKLIST

Fall Junior Year

- ☐ **Fall Semester**
  - o Develop/revise four-year plan and align it with career(s) of interest
  - o Use your 'Career Plan' in Skyward and talk with your school counselor during junior meeting
  - o Pass all of your classes during junior year. Transcripts at the end of junior year will be used for college applications.
- ☐ **Fall Semester & Revisit End of Junior Year**
  - o Identify and research which post-secondary institutions are good matches for you using the resources below to get started.
    - ▪ Big Future: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges
    - ▪ Princeton Review: https://student.naviance.com/main
    - ▪ Career Info: www.CareerInfoNet.org
    - ▪ Military: https://www.usa.gov/join-military
    - ▪ Individual College/Technical School websites
- ☐ **October**
  - o Take PSAT on your high school campus

Spring Junior Year

- ☐ **January**
  - o Use PSAT Data Report to prepare for SAT during spring of junior year. Visit www.collegeboard.org to see your results.
- ☐ **February**
  - o Register and study for college entrance exams. Check individual college websites for admissions testing requirements
    - ▪ SAT: www.collegeboard.org
    - ▪ ACT: www.actstudent.org
    - ▪ ASVAB: https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab
    - ▪ TSI: https://www.georgetownisd.org/Page/21362
  - o Start a list of potential colleges and request information from individual college websites
- ☐ **March**
  - o **FREE** SAT for all juniors on their campus (no registration needed).
  - o Begin college visits at potential campuses.
    - ▪ College Visit attendance forms are in the Counseling Office and on the website. Two visits are excused during junior year.
- ☐ **April**
  - o Attend the National College Fair in Austin (event may be virtual). Detailed information can be found by visiting: **http://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national- college-fairs**
  - o Create a resume. Contact your campus CCMR specialist for assistance.
- ☐ **End of junior year**
  - o Request a transcript

- ▪ Unofficial can be accessed in Skyward under 'Mailings'
- ▪ Official transcript request through Parchment; instructions are on the Counselor's website

Summer Before Senior Year

- ▢ **July**
  - o Create accounts for college applications
    - ▪ Common App: https://www.commonapp.org/
    - ▪ Apply Texas: www.ApplyTexas.org
    - ▪ The Coalition: http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
  - o Review college requirements, deadlines, etc. and begin narrowing down your choices.
  - o Talk to people in career fields you find interesting.
  - o Gather admissions materials from colleges.
  - o Begin Admission Essay(s)
- ▢ **August**
  - o Begin the application process now. (Note: Various universities have Fall deadlines.) The Apply Texas online application is available August 1st.
  - o Take the TSI, if not exempt by PSAT, SAT, or ACT. For exemption information, see https://www.austincc.edu/admissions/tsi-assessment
  - o All students must meet the College Readiness Standards to attend a Texas public university or college without remedial classes.
  - o Request high school transcripts in Parchment
  - o Request letters of recommendation (if needed) from teachers, coaches, and counselors; see Counselor for more information on requesting a letter of recommendation

Senior Year

- ▢ **September/October**
  - o Check your schedule for all course requirements so that you will graduate on your desired graduation plan.
  - o Decide on a post-secondary plan (i.e. college, career, military, etc.); meet with counselor in Gov/Econ class
    - ▪ Use the following resources to get started:
      - ● Big Future: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges
      - ● Princeton Review: https://student.naviance.com/main
      - ● Career Info: www.CareerInfoNet.org
      - ● Military: https://www.usa.gov/join-military
      - ● Individual College/Technical School websites
  - o Attend Future Readiness Week sessions about College, Career & Military plans during the week of October 18-22.
  - o You may also attend National College Fairs at the **NACAC Virtual College Fairs** with various dates in the Fall of 2021 and registration at https://virtualcollegefairs.org/.

- Submit the FAFSA electronically as quickly as possible after October 1st – **this is a graduation requirement**. You will use filed tax return information for 2021 for the 2022-2023 FAFSA application. **The priority deadline for FAFSA submissions is January 15 of each year.**
- Retake the SAT and/or ACT, if necessary.
- Contact your campus CCMR specialist for help researching colleges, scholarships, financial aid, and career information. Remind your parent to attend all Senior Parent Information Nights. Check your campus website for complete details. Some scholarship and college applications require recommendation letters from adults who know you well. Give teachers, counselors and other adults recommendation forms (attach your resume). Allow two weeks!
- Scholarship information can be found on the CCMR district website at **https://www.georgetownisd.org/Page/22017** and on individual college websites
- Order transcripts through Parchment
- Complete college applications and essays. Have trusted adults review and critique your writing.
- Submit housing applications on individual college websites
- If your parents need help completing your FAFSA, encourage them to attend the GISD FAFSA workshops in October and November
- Watch the College/Career bulletin boards and check the campus website for dates and times that college reps will be visiting the campus, as well as scholarship postings. Attend sessions to learn more about specific colleges.
- Make a college visit on a student holiday! For visits on school days, complete a College Visit attendance form in the Counseling Office and on the website and bring back documentation from college when you return. Two visits are allowed during each the junior year and the senior year, and these will not count against exam exemptions <u>if</u> proper procedures are followed.

- **November**
  - Submit college applications and scholarship applications for UT-Austin and Texas A&M before Thanksgiving. December 1st is the deadline.
  - Search for and submit university/college, local, and national scholarship applications
    - Fastweb.com
    - Scholly app (on phone)
    - Redkite.com
    - Raise.me
    - Local scholarships are posted on the district website https://www.georgetownisd.org/Page/22017
  - Write thank you notes to any college representatives who have been especially helpful.

- o Counselor recommendations and transcripts that are due the first two weeks of January must be made by December 1st since school personnel are not available during Winter Break.
- o Attend Financial Aid events with your parent(s).

- **December**
  - o Submit mid-year reports that are required by selective colleges and universities to the Registrar or Counselor.
  - o Complete scholarship applications during winter break.
  - o Thank those that have been particularly supportive with the college application process, including your parents.
  - o Check your student college account to ensure that schools have received all required documentation and your application is complete.

- **January/February**
  - o Continue applying for local, national and college scholarships.
  - o **Submit the FAFSA application if you have not already. This is a graduation requirement.**

- **March/April**
  - o Pay close attention to housing deposit and/or refund dates.
  - o Respond to college acceptance notices as specified in your acceptance letter.
  - o Inform your campus counselor of your final college choice.

- **May/June**
  - o Complete the Senior Exit Survey
  - o Send a final transcript to the college of your choice through Parchment
  - o No plans? Although very late, some colleges may still be accepting applications. Get Moving!!!!