

**Boonton High School**  
**Junior Year College Planning Checklist**

- ☐ Find out if the colleges you are interested in attending require the SAT or ACT or are test-optional
- ☐ Develop your individual ACT/SAT testing schedule. Remember to register at the appropriate time via CollegeBoard or ACT.org (approx. 6 weeks before the test date). \*Those who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch, please see your counselor for a fee waiver\*
- ☐ Begin thinking about the teachers you want to approach for letters of recommendation.
- ☐ Begin preparing a list of colleges to explore (about 10). Consider your Cumulative GPA (found on Naviance) in reference to college admissions requirements. (Will narrow this list through research and tours.)
  - ☐ Use online college search resources like CollegeBoard's "BigFuture", ACT's "Act Profile", Naviance's college search tools, and view/request materials from colleges on your list: catalogs/viewbooks/campus videos, application forms, scholarships, financial aid, etc.
  - ☐ Begin placing colleges into "Safety, Target, and Reach" categories according to your academic profile.
- ☐ Make visits to college campuses for tours, open houses, etc. Get a feel for what works for you.
- ☐ Attend Virtual College Fairs as listed in the weekly and emailed from "BHS Counselors." Also speak with college representatives and refine your "Colleges I'm Thinking About list" in Naviance.
- ☐ If you are considering Military academies or ROTC scholarships contact your school counselor ASAP.
  - ☐ Take the ASVAB- If interested in enlisting in the Military- talk to your recruiter.
- ☐ Create your Activities Resume- a record of your accomplishments, activities, and work related experiences since you started high school (the Junior Planning Guide for details).
- ☐ Continue to participate in enrichment and leadership opportunities and maintain strong grades and attendance.
- ☐ If applicable, in March submit your application for the National Honor Society.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to review your records; plan an appropriate program of studies for senior year (make sure your course of study is rigorous and meets the requirements of any potential college programs you could be applying to) and research your post high school plans.
- ☐ Create an account with either Common App or Coalition application depending on what your colleges accept.