

# TIMELINE & CHECKLIST FOR COLLEGE

## JUNIOR YEAR

### Fall

- ☐ Start with you. List things you may want to study or do after high school.
- ☐ Talk to your guardians about going to college.
- ☐ Attend a college fair. Learn about colleges.
- ☐ Take the [PSAT](#)
- ☐ Visit with college representatives that come to your high school.
- ☐ Keep your grades up- the higher the GPA the better
- ☐ Estimate your financial aid need
- ☐ Start researching your options for grants and scholarships

### Winter

- ☐ Check your credits when registering for your senior year classes. Make sure you have the proper classes to fulfill graduation requirements and college admission.
- ☐ Put in the time to prepare and study for college entrance exams ([ACT](#) and [SAT](#))

### Spring

- ☐ Register to take the ACT or SAT. The ACT is offered at your high school for free in April.
- ☐ Continue to focus on academic achievement. Colleges like to see a strong GPA
- ☐ Take IB/AP exams
- ☐ Keep reviewing colleges you are interested in

- ❑ Start a file with all your accomplishments and activities so when applying for scholarships and college you have all your resources together

## Summer

- ❑ Retake the ACT or SAT if you feel you need a higher score (recommended)
- ❑ Make arrangements to visit colleges you are interested in over the summer. Make an appointment, get a tour, and talk to an admissions officer.
- ❑ If you are looking at college sports register with the [NCAA clearinghouse](#).