

## "Junior Year of High School is Pivotal."

There are numerous decisions that you make during your junior year that can have an impact, positive or negative, for years to come.

### Here's how your junior year of high school should look month-by-month.

#### AUGUST



- Meet with your [guidance counselor](#) to confirm your courses for your junior years have the right balance of rigor and challenge to get into a competitive college.
- Have an organizational system. A folder to keep important items you want to include in your high school résumé or portfolio.
- You'll want your grades for this entire junior year to be as strong as possible. Become familiar with all resources that will help: teachers' grading systems, syllabi, websites, extra credit, tutoring and emails.

#### SEPTEMBER



- Know the [Tennessee graduation requirements](#). Review your transcript.
- Get involved in one or two organizations or clubs. It's not the number of organizations you belong to, but the leadership experience that matters.

#### OCTOBER



- Use the [Counselor's Corner Resources!!!](#)
- Analyze, Examine & Prioritize your grades (Continuously check your PowerSchool)
- Set goals: You should set a least 2 goals, one short term and one long term.
- Find opportunities to study for the ACT. ([ACT Practice](#), Prep workshops, [ACT Website](#), ect...)
- **Fight the urge to procrastinate!**

#### NOVEMBER



- Keep focused on your grades. Remember, shoot for best grades possible for this entire junior year.
- Start your research for potential colleges and [careers](#). Use the [counselor's website](#)
- **ASVAB (November 8, 2022)** Students who are interested in the military.
- **Suggestion:** Take the National ACT in December to become familiar before March. Registration is [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
- Continue gathering materials for your resume and portfolio or film.



#### DECEMBER



- Receive your PSAT scores.
- Look ahead to the spring for your other standardized tests: AP Placement Exams, [End of Course](#), & [ACT \(March 7, 2023\)](#)
- **Suggestion:** Take the National ACT in December or February to become familiar before District ACT in March. Ask your counselor for a waiver.

#### JANUARY



- National Honor Society, 3.85 GPA, 25 hrs of community service, & leadership.
- Juniors allowed 2 excused absences in the spring to visit a college of interest.
- Enrich your studies with [summer programs](#), internships or [Dual Enrollment](#).
- Stay focused on grades. Revisit Goals. Push yourself hard to end the year with solid grades.

#### FEBRUARY

- Count down to the ACT! Buckle down and use ACT study materials. Find study materials for the ACT.
- Begin to focus on the key 5 to 10 colleges that are a good fit (based on your academics and career choice). Use [Naviance](#) to become familiar colleges and careers.
- Stay focused on grades.



#### MARCH

- **ACT on March 7, 2023, at White Station High – You do not have to register for the district test.**
- Have a list of 4 schools you would like your scores sent to.



#### APRIL

- Course Selections with your guidance counselor to assure a challenging senior year of courses.
- Consider [visiting some of the colleges](#) on your list.
- Begin identifying teachers who may be willing to write recommendations letters for you. (You should have already established a good rapport.)



#### MAY

- Take End of Course test & AP Placement Exams if you have taken AP courses. [AP Exams Schedule AP Exams begin May 1.](#)
- Firm up your summer plans, including visits to other colleges on your list.

#### JUNE

- Be sure to get the most of your summer vacation.
- Continue contemplating various [careers](#), colleges and [college majors](#).  
<https://www.collegeexpress.com/college/search/>
- Start on college essays and don't forget about summer reading list.

