



JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE

SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

SUMMER

- Make a list of potential colleges you would like to attend
- Work on a resume is up-to-date and continue updating it throughout the year
- Research careers and which majors can lead there
- Gather college information: Attend college fairs, college nights and speak to representatives from colleges that attend your high school
- Apply for scholarships (you can look on websites like fastweb, cappex, and scholarship owl)
- Learn about your financial aid options (scholarships, grants)
- Consider ways to earn college credit via Dual Enrollment Courses we offer at FCA
- Set up appointments at your top college choices including a personal interview, tour of the campus and meet with a professor/coach if desired (During COVID-19, virtual information will be best or the only option)
- Start working on your college application essays: Have a teacher read and discuss the essays with you
- Discuss Letters of Recommendation: Request these letters with at least a 2-week notice
- Take the SAT/ACT

FALL

- Getting involved: It's never too late for students to get involved. School activities, clubs, community and church activities.
- Visit schools

- Work on your college list: use all the information that has been gathered from your college visits, interviews, and your own research to determine which schools you wish to apply to
- Stay on track with grades and extracurricular activities.
- Create a calendar detailing application deadlines for admission, financial aid, and scholarships
- Create a final draft of your resume
- [Ask for letters of recommendation](#): request these with at least a 2 weeks notice
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss options for scholarships and admissions

WINTER

- Continue building involvement
- Take the ACT/SAT
- Keep working hard on your grades
- Work a part-time job for experience and to save money
- Continue with your scholarship search: Holiday breaks are a great time to knock out some applications or atleast locate them if they are not open yet.

SPRING

- Continue saving up for college (part-time job wages)
- Keep an eye out in the mail for a notification from colleges: Admissions decisions go out by March or April
- Keep your grades up
- Have a family meeting about college finances/financial aid and compare financial aid packages: ideally debt-free options
- Prepare for any last standardized tests: AP, ACT, etc.

SUMMER

- Getting involved: Have your child join organizations if they haven't already
- Work and save money for college expenses
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships!!!
- Consider making college visits over the summer.

- Apply to schools you may have interest in.