



JUNIOR YEAR

Education: One Thing That Can't Be Taken From You

Junior Year Checklists

Checklist for Students:

- Work hard! Be sure to study, complete homework and turn assignments in on time. Get the best grades you are capable of; this is the year that everything really starts counting towards the future.
- Attendance matters! Do your best to be at school every day.
- Get involved and stay involved at school!! Be involved as much as possible in organizations, clubs, and extracurricular activities.
- Talk to the Academic Counselor about the courses that are available based on your interests, goals, and chosen degree plan. Challenge yourself!
- Talk to the Academic counselor about education after high school. Ask questions about what classes to take, how and when to sign up for standardized tests, and where to get money for college.
- Talk to the Academic Counselor about colleges you might be interested in and their admission requirements.
- Learn about choosing a college at StudentAid.gov.
- **OCTOBER** - Visit colleges, college fairs, and college presentations.
- Visit collegeforalltexas.com to find a wealth of resources about getting the facts, making your plans, and then applying for college.
- **OCTOBER** – Take the PSAT
- **SPRING** – Register for and take exams for college admissions. The tests that many colleges require are the SAT, the SAT Subject Tests, and the ACT. Check with the colleges that you are interested in to see what tests they require.
- Begin making a list of your community service, paid work, honors, awards, and extracurricular activities. This is important for your college resume and for potential scholarships.
- If you plan on playing college sports, be sure you have registered with NCAA at eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you plan on playing college sports, submit your ACT and SAT scores to NCAA Eligibility Center.
- **May** - If you plan on playing college sports, ask your counselor to send or upload your official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you took classes at more than one high school or program, submit an official transcript for **EACH** school.
- Research college majors that align with your interests.
- Use the career search and interest inventory tools at mynextmove.org, educationplanner.org, and careerkey.org to research and explore career options that align with your interests.
- Explore information about your careers of interest and the earning potential associated with those careers.
- Visit studentaid.gov and knowhow2go.org to learn the various ways you should prepare for college.

- Use the free scholarship search tool at studentaid.gov to find scholarships for which you might want to apply. Some deadlines fall as early as the summer between 11th and 12th grades, so prepare now to submit applications soon!

Checklist for Parents:

- Be involved in your child's education! Sign-up for Parent Portal to check grades and attendance. Be aware of your child's study habits. Contact teachers and counselors when you have any concerns.
- Follow WISD, WHS, and other WHS groups on social media sites to stay informed. Check the District and School website for current information. Sign-up for Remind101 and School Messenger, as well.
- Encourage your child to take challenging classes, get involved at school, and participate in community service.
- Talk to your child! Ask about the schools they are considering and why. Help your child clarify goals and priorities.
- Visit college fairs with your child. Let your child take the lead in asking questions and in conversing with college representatives.
- Take your child to visit college campuses; the best visits are generally when classes are in session.
- Look at your financial situation. Be sure you're on the right track to pay for college.
- Get specific information on federal student aid programs at StudentAid.gov.
- Learn about student and parent loans in the Federal Student Loans: Basics for Students and Federal Student Loans: Direct PLUS Loan Basics for Parents brochures at StudentAid.gov.