

Junior Checklist

Goals at PHS:

- Make sure that you are on track to graduate. Talk to your School Counselor regarding any graduation concerns.
- Verify that you are meeting the college requirements of the universities that interest you.
- Continue to choose challenging classes. Make careful course selections for 12th grade – the higher the rigor, the better. Look into what your potential universities prefer you to take senior year. If you choose AP classes, be sure that you will be able to succeed in them academically (grade of A or B).
- Maintain the best grades you possibly can! Colleges look at grades from 9th-11th grade.
- Continue to develop good study and time management skills.
- Check into Dual Enrollment options.

Build your resume for college:

- Continue your participation in 2-3 clubs and stay with them until graduation. Make some impact on the club, and contribute through leadership when possible.
- Continue earning your service learning hours (40 for graduation; 100 for full Bright Futures; 250 for honors graduation cord).
- Volunteer with organizations that relate to your future career path.
- Look for a summer job to help with college expenses and to add to your resume.
- Continue working on your resume by keeping track of your activities, volunteering, honors and awards.

Preparing for the College Applications:

- Use CHOICES (www.facts.org) and College Navigator (<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>) to research colleges and careers.
- Attend college visits when the representatives visit PHS between September-November
- Consider taking an ACT/SAT preparatory class.
- Sign up to take the SAT (www.collegeboard.com) or ACT (www.actstudent.org). It's recommended to take the SAT and ACT, at least one each. Fee waivers are available to all students on free or reduced lunch. See Guidance for the fee waivers.
- Check with potential colleges to see if you need to take any SAT subject test.
- Brainstorm your college essays.
- Identify individuals who would be willing to write letters of recommendation.
- Schedule an appointment with the College Advisor to go over graduation status, college selection/application and financial aid/scholarship information.
- Attend the College Fair in October at NSU and in the Spring-TBA.
- Visit college campuses that interest you when traveling on vacation.
- If you haven't already, take the Choices Interest Inventory (www.facts.org) to research possible careers and educational requirements.
- Consider taking the ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery), another interest inventory exam, even for those that have no interest in the Armed Service.
- Take the PSAT – this is the year to qualify for National Merit and National Achievement Scholarships.
- Make sure you and your parents visit the BRACE website and Naviance often.
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For more information, Contact the BRACE Advisor.