

plan for college

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Action Plan: High School Juniors

College Admissions & Preparation Your Junior Year

July & August

- Visit college campuses. Be sure to call ahead for tour and open house schedules.

September

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	October SAT: Registration Deadline
	October SAT: Late Registration Deadline

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your college plans. Review your schedule with him or her to make sure you're enrolled in challenging classes that will help you prepare for college.
[20 Questions to Ask Your School Counselor](#)
[How to Select Your Courses](#)

October

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	November SAT: Registration Deadline
SAT Administration	
	November SAT: Late Registration Deadline
	December SAT: Registration Deadline

- Take the PSAT/NMSQT to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs for recognition and scholarships. Be sure to check 'yes' for Student Search Service® to hear from colleges and scholarships.
[Student Search Service](#)

November 2004

Test Dates & Deadlines	
SAT Administration	
	December SAT: Late Registration Deadline

- Gear up for mid-year finals.
[Exam Day: I Will Survive](#)
- Learn more about financial aid.
[How Financial Aid Works](#)

[Preparing for a Campus Visit](#)
[College Search](#)

- Sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT, which is given in October. Ask your counselor which date is offered at your school. The PSAT/NMSQT is the best practice for the new SAT that will first be administered in March 2005.
[About PSAT/NMSQT](#)
- Practice for the PSAT/NMSQT at collegeboard.com.
[PSAT/NMSQT Preparation](#)
- Take the practice test in the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin*. You can pick up a copy in your guidance office.
- Get more involved with your extracurricular activities.
[Extracurricular Activities](#)
- Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you. Use College Search to find colleges that match your preferences.
[College Search](#)
- Go to college fairs in your area.
[College Fairs](#)
- Talk to your parents about financing college and use the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Calculator to estimate how much your family will be expected to pay.
[EFC Calculator](#)
- Continue your practice for the SAT.
[SAT Question of the Day](#)

December

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	January SAT: Registration Deadline
	January SAT: Late Registration Deadline

- Use your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report *Plus* for personalized feedback on your academic skills, and to help you get ready for college and the new

January

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	January SAT: Registration Deadline
	January SAT: Late Registration Deadline

- Start a file of your college brochures and information. Before you know it, they'll start pouring in.
- Are you selecting courses for your senior year schedule soon? Consider AP® courses. You can get college credit or advanced placement for qualifying grades on AP Exams at most colleges. [About AP](#)

February

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	March SAT: Registration Deadline
	March SAT: Late Registration Deadline

- Plan to keep your momentum going and avoid senioritis next year by continuing to take challenging classes. [Choosing Senior Year Classes](#)

March

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	May SAT: Registration Deadline

- Look for a great summer opportunity -- job, internship, or volunteer position. [Find the Perfect Summer Job](#)

April

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	May SAT: Late Registration Deadline
	June SAT: Registration Deadline

- Go to college fairs in your area. [College Fairs](#)

May

Test Dates & Deadlines	
	SAT Administration
	June SAT: Late Registration Deadline

SAT.
[PSAT/NMSQT Score Report *Plus*](#)

- It's mid-year crunch season. Sharpen up your time management skills to help you make it through. [Time Management Tips](#)
- Find out about college firsthand from college friends who are home for the holidays.

- Consider college characteristics -- private or public, two- or four-year, close to home or far away? Then use College Search's Advanced Search to find colleges that match your needs. [Advanced College Search](#)

- Use the SAT Preparation Center™ to focus your practice for the new SAT. [SAT Preparation Center](#)
- Plan to visit colleges this spring while they're in session. Be sure to schedule an interview with admissions officers when you visit campuses. [When to Visit Campuses](#)
[College Interviews](#)

- Consider taking a course at a local college, especially if you're thinking about majoring in a subject for which your school doesn't offer AP courses.
- Start preparing for AP Exams in May. [AP Preparation](#)
- Many colleges require or recommend SAT Subject Tests™ for admission or placement. Talk to your counselor and teachers about taking Subject Tests this spring. [SAT Subject Tests](#)

- Check with your counselor for special summer school programs for high school students at colleges and other institutions. [Summer School Programs](#)
- If applicable, prepare writing samples, portfolios, audition tapes, and other materials for the fall college application season.

- Make a resume of your accomplishments, activities, and work experiences. [Resume-Writing 101](#)
- Start your summer reading list. Ask your teachers to recommend books. [Great Books List](#)

June

Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT Administration

- Finalize your summer plans. Try to find a job or activity that relates to your career interests.
[Turning Interests into Careers](#)
- Explore college majors that you might want to try. Be sure the colleges you're considering offer the majors in which you're interested. Use College Majors Search to find out which majors are offered at which colleges.

[Why Your College Major Matters](#)

[College Majors Search](#)

- If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, contact your counselor before summer vacation.
[ROTC FAQs](#)

July & August

- Register online early for fall SATs.
[SAT Online Registration](#)
- Request applications, brochures, and financial aid information from your colleges. Use College Search to find colleges that match your preferences and manage your college list online.
[My College List](#)

- Visit college campuses this summer. Be sure to call ahead for tour and open house schedules.
[Preparing for a Campus Visit](#)
- Try to narrow your list to five to eight colleges by the end of the summer.
[Narrow Your College List](#)