

Junior Year Timeline Class of 2015

Fall 2014

- Make a list of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Get involved in leadership opportunities in sports, clubs or community service if interested. Colleges and scholarships often look for these attributes in applicants.
- Learn about colleges. Look at their Web sites, talk to friends, family, teachers, and recent grads now in college. List college features that may interest you.
- September 27—College Symposium at Scottsdale Prep
- September 28—National College Fair in Phoenix
- October 2014—PSAT and NMSQT at Great Hearts school
- Meet with your College Counselor to begin discussing your specific college plans and goals.
- Consider creating an email address just for college admissions and scholarship information.
- Create a file folder or box to manage your college search, testing and application data.
- If appropriate (for example, if you are interested in art, drama, music, sports, etc.) start to gather material for a portfolio.
- With your family, start to research and learn about financial aid options—findaid.org is one place to start.

Winter 2014

- Make an appointment with your College Counselor with your family to discuss ways to improve your college preparation and selection processes.
- December 29—Registration Deadline for January 24 SAT
- January 9—Registration Deadline for February 7 ACT (actstudent.org)
- February 13—Registration Deadline for March 14 SAT (sat.collegeboard.org/register)
- Meet with your College Counselor and consider taking SAT Subject Tests in the spring. You should take them while the material is still fresh in your mind. Download study guides from collegeboard.com.

Spring 2015

- Visit some colleges over Spring Break or any opportunity you get—visit small, large, public and private universities to get a feel for each. Attend college fairs and visits throughout the Phoenix metro area.
- March 13—Registration Deadline for April 18 ACT
- April 6—Registration Deadline for May 2 SAT
- Scan local newspapers and local web sites of banks, stores, and community organizations to prepare for scholarship opportunities for seniors. Start a file.
- Develop a list of 15-20 colleges that attract you and continue to research them.

- If you are considering ROTC or military academies, contact your College Counselor before leaving school for summer vacation. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer prior to your senior year.

Summer 2015

- May 8—Registration Deadline for June 6 SAT
- May 8—Registration Deadline for June 13 ACT
- If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse www.eligibilitycenter.org. (Div I and II only.)
- Pursue summer enrichment opportunities including summer camps, internships, or full/part-time jobs.
- Visit colleges. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, meet with admissions counselors and schedule interviews if possible.
- Finalize a resume—a record of accomplishments, activities, and work experiences since you started high school.
- Get an idea of what the applications look like, and create an account with schools you are serious about applying to, including the Common Application.