

Calendar of Possible Activities for Junior Year

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September/October

- Start tracking awards, activities, jobs, etc. One option: <https://www.raise.me/join/3273834601>
- Familiarize yourself with the college search process (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>) and/or investigate other options (<https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov/for-students/9-12-career-advising-resources>)
- Complete interest inventories to connect with higher education or training options.
- Consider interacting in-person or virtually with representatives from interesting schools/programs.
- Participate in virtual college/career fairs (if available). (<https://oacac.org/student-registration/>)
- Consider taking the ACT – October or December (Saturday), February (in-school)? (<http://www.act.org/bts>)

November/December

- Sign up to take the ASVAB, a *free* career exploration assessment <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>
- Maintain good grades, and prepare for first semester exams.
- Use an online career discovery tool to explore what matches your interests!
<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>
<https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/assessyourself.html>
- Start familiarizing yourself with financial aid options (<https://www.fastweb.com>).
- Research colleges/institutions/training programs online.

January/February/March

- Determine a preliminary list of colleges/institutions/training programs that interest you.
- Develop a system for organizing future-planning materials.
- Register to take college admissions tests during second semester – both ACT (www.act.org/bts) [one test session FREE during school-day in spring] and SAT (www.sat.org/register).
- Schedule your senior classes. Continue monitoring your graduation progress – credits, tests, seals
https://docs.google.com/document/d/147OHgamNFmkRQjVf_qR2tPdb4ivyGdDMtto6OcyMgWk/
- If available, attend nearby college fairs (in the past, DHS has taken juniors to NSCC in March).
- Test prep may boost ACT/SAT scores! (<https://academy.act.org/>) (<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>)
- Consider using spring break for college visits. Settle on location and major before senior year?

April/May

- Your counselor can help process inquiries about graduating or planning your future.
- Look into summer employment/opportunities, and prepare for second semester exams.
- Familiarize yourself with Mr. Singer's online scholarship website
(<https://sites.google.com/a/defianceschools.net/singerscholarship/>).

Summer

- Organize your academic, test scores, community service, leadership roles, honors/awards, etc.
- **Wise tip:** narrow down, visit, and *apply for* (if allowed) desired colleges in spring or summer of your *junior* year. If they accept your application, you can start applying for institutional scholarships as a senior in the fall – for the best/earliest chance at the most scholarship dollars!
- Complete the NCAA Initial Eligibility form – *if* you hope to play Division I or II collegiate sports (www.eligibilitycenter.org).