

Junior Year College Checklist

THINGS TO DO NOW

Take the SAT or ACT

- It's time to buckle down and get serious. Make sure you're registered for (and take) the SAT or ACT. You'll use these scores when you're applying to college next year.
 - **Pro Tip:** Take your test early. In case you don't get the score you want, you'll have plenty of time to take your test again.
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Get involved outside of the classroom

- Colleges love well-rounded students who can balance school with other extracurricular activities. If you're not already involved in something, join a club, try out for a sport or volunteer in your community.
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Visit a college campus

- Plan a visit to your top-choice universities. Walk around their campus and talk to an admissions counselor. Before you spend four years of your life there, you need to see if you like it.
 - **Pro Tip:** Texas Wesleyan has a perfect *campus visit* for you, all you have to do is choose one.
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THINGS TO PLAN FOR LATER

Enroll in tough classes for next year

- When it's time to make your schedule for senior year, think about enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) or dual credit courses. Don't let "senior-itis" get to you. Challenge yourself and be prepared for college courses after you graduate.
 - **Pro Tip:** AP and dual credit courses earn you college credit before you even step on campus.
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Look into financial aid

- College can seem expensive, but there are financial aid packages that help you make it more affordable. Start researching [financial aid](#) and how you plan to pay for your education.
 - **Pro Tip:** Save yours and your parents' tax information this year. You'll be filling out the FAFSA your senior year and can now use the previous year's tax information to do it. Your FAFSA form plays a big part in the financial aid process.
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Think about what you want to major in

- You're not going to college yet, but it's a great time to start thinking about what [major or degree](#) you want to get. What are you interested in? What do you want to do after college?

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