

Junior College Checklist

September

- Visit the College and Career Center google classrooms to check resources
- Check when colleges will be visiting at Oaklandtech.com
- Take challenging classes, when appropriate
- Continue with community service during the school year
- Get involved with Clubs and Extracurricular activities in and outside of school
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse by end of junior year if you want to play competitive sports in college (Division 1 and 2)
- Sign up for fall SAT prep classes*

October

- Email your counselor for a meeting to evaluate your records and college preparation
- Make sure you are meeting the “A-G” Course requirements for UC/CSU (C’s or higher in college prep classes!)
- Attend virtual college fairs with parents
- Continue attending virtual college admission officer visits at Tech

November

- Network with your peers, family, and friends for information on college choices
- Start keeping a list of colleges, careers, majors that might interest you
- Think about what learning environment you do best in (small school, large school, close to home, out of state, etc.)
- Participate in Virtual Campus tours - check college websites for sign ups

December

- Use the internet for virtual school tours
- Develop art portfolios or music/drama audition ideas for Art programs

January

- Plan a strategy for getting the SAT/ACT scores you want (study booklet, Khan academy, prep class, etc.)*
- Sign up for Spring SAT prep class*
- Continue community service
- Register for the SAT, SAT Subject tests, and/or ACT. STEM majors are highly recommended and sometimes required to take SAT Subject test in Math 2 and a science*
- Recheck to make sure you are meeting your A-G requirements (no D’s!)

February - March

- Make a list of your top 15 colleges and begin investigating them
- Make an appointment with Ms. Hunter once you have your college list ready!

- Meet with your counselor to review transcripts, senior classes, and summer programs
- Research and sign up for summer internships
- Take the SAT or ACT with writing. You will need to sign up yourself at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org for a saturday test date. Please visit your counselor or the college and career center for help signing up or if you need a fee waiver.*
- Keep your grades up!

April - May

- Narrow down your 15 schools to 8-10 to investigate further
- Take SAT or ACT with writing*
- Review test results; decide whether to take preparation course or retesting*
- Attend local college fairs*
- Sign up for and take AP Exams in May
- Begin drafting “brag sheet” or resume to help with filling out college applications and letters of recommendation packets

May - August

- Continue collecting information on your top colleges, majors, and career choices
- Take Summer Classes
- Volunteer or get work experience
- Brainstorm ideas for writing college personal statements
- Discuss college finances with parents
- Take test prep classes, if appropriate*
- Continue developing art/music/drama portfolio, if appropriate
- Start writing your essays with the goal to finalize them by September of senior year
- Pay attention to interview dates and schedule them early so you don't miss a deadline

* SAT and ACT bullet points are pending shelter in place orders due to COVID-19 at that time.