

College Planning For Juniors

January, 2022



To Do List:

- Research College Options
- Virtual visits and meetings with College Reps
- SAT and ACT

College Research



- Not sure where to start? College Board: Big Future
- Visit college websites, they have the most up to date information
- Contact Admissions
- Meet with college reps in the Career Center
- Factors to consider
 - Academics
 - Location (remote options)
 - Atmosphere and
 - Student body size
 - Cost (though don't rule out anything yet. You won't know the true cost until you receive the Financial Aid package after applying)

College Visits

Some college campuses are hosting visits by appointment only. Call the admissions office to ask if you can plan a visit.

Mrs. McDonough sets up visits with college reps. These are the same folks reading your application! Join in! This is a great way to make an impression.

COLLEGE VISITS - How to learn about colleges virtually

- [YouVisit](#): high-quality, interactive tours
- [spreadsheet](#) of different ways to learn about a college virtually
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College Entrance Exams

Many colleges went test optional for 2021 and 2022, but as of now, it is unclear what the trend will be for 2022. Each college may be different. We advise planning to take the SAT and ACT in May or June.

SAT: comprised of evidence based reading and writing, and math sections. Students should register online at www.collegeboard.org

ACT: tests English, reading, mathematics, and natural sciences. Students should register online at www.actstudent.org

Superscoring: Most colleges will combine subscores from different test dates to create a higher combined score.

Test Optional: Many schools have decided to go test optional, meaning if you provide the tests they will consider it as part of your application, but they are not required.

SUNY Updates: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/testing-requirements/>

SAT and ACT scores will not appear on the VVS transcript.

You can send your scores directly from College Board and ACT, or you can request we put your scores on the transcript. You must provide a printed score report for us to put the scores on your transcript.

SAT and ACT prep

PSAT results/ Khan Academy – Every junior who took the PSAT exam has access to My College Quickstart. Based on your results, Khan Academy will lead you through units to improve your score, focusing on the area where you need the most practice.

<http://www.collegeboard.org/html/demo/>

Career Center – Practice materials available in the Career Center. See Mrs. McDonough.

March 2 Success - Free site designed to help students prep for the SAT and ACT. There are full length practice tests and other practice tools such as flashcards.

<https://www.march2success.com/>

MVCC Prep Courses - These classes vary in price, intensity and focus. All classes are online.

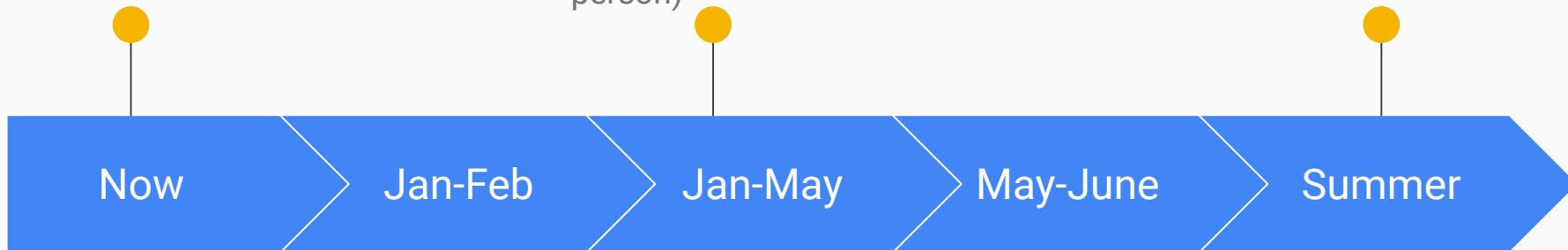
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Research colleges online.
Look at the website,
majors, classes required
for major, etc.

Prepare for the SAT
and/or ACT. Register one
month prior to test date.

Finalize your list of
colleges you plan to
visit and/or apply to.

Visit colleges (virtual or in
person)



Now

Jan-Feb

Jan-May

May-June

Summer

Meet with your school
counselor.

Virtual visits and more
research

Take the SAT and/or ACT.

Attend virtual or in person
Open House events

Applying to College

Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org/>

SUNY Application <https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/>

Individual college websites

Apply between August 1 and December 1 (deadlines vary)

Paying for College



- Everyone will need to complete the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Open Oct 1
- Everyone will need to complete the TAP- NY State's Tuition Assistance Program.
- CSS Profile - required by some private colleges - may be due in November

Tips on the process can be found here:

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/apply-for-aid-start-here.html>

Junior Scholarships

College specific scholarship that are only available to juniors!

These scholarships are specific to the college listed, and are dependant on gaining acceptance into that college.

Scholarships will be posted mid February and applications are due in the beginning of March

Clarkson

Elmira College

LeMoyne College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

St. Lawrence

St. Michael's College

Sage College

University of Rochester

Keuka College

Alfred University

Well's College

Scholarships

Merit based scholarships from colleges

Check the Career Center and the Google Classroom for Class of 2023

VVS Education Foundation

Local Scholarships (in March of Senior year)

Parent employers, churches, VFW, Masons ,etc

Scholarship Search tools

College Board :

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

Fastweb: <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Tips for Success

- Spend time exploring your options
- Communicate with your School Counselor: we are here to help!
- Meet with College Reps
- Check the Google classroom
- Visit
- Meet all deadlines
- Start the application early (you can start a Common App on 8/1. Get the easy questions done)

Questions?



Thank you!

