

11th Grade: Preparing for the Future

RBR Resources:

- [RBR's Junior College Planning Guide](#)
 - This is reviewed during the junior scheduling meetings in February-March
- College RepVisits will be listed on the School Counseling Calendar.
- Student Presentations:
 - Session 1: **SAT and ACT Overview**- Feb 18th and Feb 19th Students
 - Session 2: **Career Search**- Feb 25th and Feb 26th
 - Session 3: **The College Search**- March 4th and March 5th
 - Session 4: **Work, Military, and Trade School Information** March 25th and March 26th
 - Session 5: **Paying for College**- April 1st and April 2nd
 - Session 6: **The College Application**- April 22nd and April 23rd
 - Session 7: **The Common Application**- April 28th and April 29th

Junior College Planning Guide

Fall (September–November):

- **Academic Rigor:** Enroll in challenging courses to strengthen your transcript.
- **PSAT/NMSQT:** Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October to qualify for National Merit Scholarships and identify areas for improvement.
- **Extracurricular Engagement:** Continue involvement in activities, seeking leadership roles where possible.
- **College Research:** Begin exploring colleges, attending college fairs, and visiting campuses to narrow down preferences.
- **Technical School Exploration:** Research technical schools or trade programs that offer certifications and training in areas of interest (e.g., automotive, IT, healthcare). Consider job shadowing or internships in these fields.

Winter (December–February):

- **Standardized Testing Plan:** Register for spring SAT or ACT exams; utilize free SAT practice tools on satpractice.org or www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html
- **Career Exploration:** Participate in job shadowing or internships to gain insights into potential career paths, including trades or technical fields.
- **Military Exploration:** Research military options, including different branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) and military academies. Attend recruitment events or schedule meetings with military recruiters to discuss opportunities, benefits, and requirements.

- **Counselor Consultation:** Meet with your school counselor to review your academic progress and discuss your plans for college, technical school, or the military.

Spring (March–June):

- **SAT/ACT:** Take the SAT or ACT; consider retaking in the summer or fall if necessary.
- **College & Technical School List:** Develop a list of colleges, technical schools, and training programs. Consider programs that provide certifications or associate degrees in fields of interest.
- **Military Preparation:** Prepare for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test if considering the military. Schedule a meeting with a recruiter to understand the recruitment process, benefits, and service commitments.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Identify and request teachers or mentors to write recommendation letters for your applications.
- **Summer Planning:** Plan productive summer activities such as internships, volunteer work, or college courses.