

## College Bound Junior Year Checklist

### September & October

- \_\_\_\_\_ Share information given in school with your parents/guardians at home. The decision you make affects your family. You should include your parents/guardians in the process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stay informed by listening to the announcements and frequently checking with the guidance bulletin board and school **website [mcsdistrict.com](http://mcsdistrict.com)** for information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify the sources of college and career information in your school. Talk to your counselor and start looking at guidance publications, college catalogs, guidebooks and a vast number of website addresses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create a filing system to organize all of your college materials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put together a list of the 10 colleges that you would like to attend even though chances are you will only ultimately apply to 3-5 colleges in the fall of your senior year. Many colleges allow you to register on-line for campus tours and information sessions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain a Social Security number if you don't already have one. You will need it to apply to colleges and for financial aid applications.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preparations for application to Military Academies and ROTC scholarships should be done early in the junior year of high school. See your counselor for more details.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the local College Night.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Familiarize yourself with [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) **and** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### November & December

- \_\_\_\_\_ Make use of the career resources available in the Guidance Office as well as online. Use research materials to explore career fields, college opportunities, and possible financial aid sources. Most colleges have a web page that provides very helpful information to high school juniors. Meet with your counselor for information on career resources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start the planning process for taking the ACT, SAT. For almost all colleges within Michigan the ACT Test will be the only testing requirement you will need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check with the specific colleges for admission requirements and/or testing requirements. Ask your counselor about registration deadlines or **[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**.

### January & February

- \_\_\_\_\_ Before second semester begins check your schedule and review graduation requirements to make sure you are taking classes to fulfill the necessary requirements for graduation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports in college should obtain the NCAA application from your counselor to review eligibility and academic requirements. An athlete must register before the end of the senior year. Details are available in the Guidance Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for SAT if interested. Test dates are in May and June. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office.

### **March & April**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Michigan Merit Exam: ACT plus Writing, Work Keys & MI Math, MI Science & MI Social Studies Testing begins on March 11, 2008
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start investigating private scholarship and other student aid programs. Search for potential scholarships on the Internet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule visits to each of the colleges on your list. During your college visits, make sure to meet with admissions representatives as well as financial aid officers to find out what type of aid is available to incoming freshmen.

### **May & June**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Be aware of test dates and registration deadlines for the remaining ACT and SAT exams. You may also take them during your senior year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue compiling your college and scholarship search information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in college summer programs that are of interest to you. This is a great way to experience campus life. Information regarding summer programs will be announced as it becomes available throughout the spring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue with college visitations and meeting with admission representatives and financial aid officers. If you travel consider scheduling a college visit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain a summer job that might be related to your career interests. If possible save some money to pay for college costs.

**\*\*\*Meet with your counselor anytime you have questions or concerns.\*\*\***