

JUNIOR YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING

- Complete ETS Application and return to Karen Robinson
- Take care of your grades and get involved!
 - Work on getting your GPA as high as possible by the end of the year.
 - Participate in campus and community organizations. Look for ways to serve others and document your community service.
- Take the PSAT test (October 11).
 - PRACTICE!!! When you sign up—a booklet about the PSAT and a practice test is provided. Search online for other practice options.
- Sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring.
 - Get a fee-waiver if on free and reduced lunch from counseling center
 - PRACTICE!!! Search online for free practice opportunities. Check the school and public libraries for practice books. There are many books and DVDs available to purchase for practice as well—for example at Barnes and Nobles.
 - ACT STUDY APP--can be found on act.org under products and services—called ACT on-line prep. I asked if once they take a practice test, if it can see areas of weakness and focus on preparation for that area. The ACT rep shared that it should work that way.
 - SAT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES—VISIST collegeboard.org FROM YOUR CHILD'S PSAT report for his/her 11th grade year your child can link to Khan Academy for customized help for preparation for the SAT. College Board provided this phone number to get assistance with taking the PSAT score report and linking it to Khan Academy for customized help on his/her areas of need from the PSAT data. That number is 866-433-7728.
 - Also, there is a Study App where you get a question for the day....accessed on the College Board website.
 - Once taking the SAT...it can be linked to the Khan Academy, and if you need help with that the SAT student help line is 866-756-7346.
- Question Time
 - What are your career interests?
 - What schools have programs for those interests?
 - Will you need a certification? Technical degree? 2-year degree? 4-year degree?
 - How near/far do you want to move for school and career?
- Search and Visit
 - Once you have narrowed your interests, make plans to visit several schools. **See office to pick up a request form, and get it signed by Ms. Robinson.** You have two college days for your junior and senior year. Upon you return, bring documentation showing that you attended and turn into office to ensure that attendance is correct.
- Be ready to apply by August 2018/2019

LOOK AT THE COLLEGE'S WEBSITE TO SEE THEIR PREFERENCE ON HOW YOU APPLY—THEIR APPLICATION, APPLY TEXAS, OR THE COMMON APPLICATION ARE COMMON ONE'S UTILIZED BY COLLEGES

- It is suggested that you apply to a minimum of 3 colleges
- Make sure you fill out the college's scholarship opportunities after being accepted
- Resume' - You will need to create one this Spring.
- Essays - nacacnet.org for assistance with Essay Writing
- Letters of recommendation - Be thinking of 3-5 people you will ask (1 person from school; 1 boss, supervisor, youth leader, etc; 1 community member.) You will need to have this done by the beginning of your Senior year. A FORM is provided to assist the person in writing your letter of recommendation.
- Good website for comparing MAJORS TO COLLEGES—AND COSTS OF LOANS
 - **TGAIE: Major Choices (Cost of College)**
 - See how your choice of school or major may affect your bottom line.
 - Most students need to take out federal student loans in order to pay for college. But how might borrowing for college affect your bottom line after graduation?
 - Use this calculator to get an idea of what you may earn in your first year after graduation, and how much of those earnings may go toward repaying your loans.
 - <http://www.aie.org/pay-for-college/understand-college-costs/major-choices/>
- Scholarship opportunities now!

GOOGLE-- jvl college counseling scholarships January 2019

--Change the month for the current month to get a list of national scholarships available for students to fill out. Some of the scholarships are for Juniors in high school.

❖ Important Dates

PSAT TEST

ASVAB - January 17, 2019

U.S. History EOC Test

TSI - If your child is interested in Dual Credit as a Senior and is not currently taking it....MISD offers testing. Your child will need to have appropriate STAAR scores or take the TSI and pass this test in order to take Dual Credit. Since the dual credit classes will start the first week of school (2018-2019 school year), your child will need to be registered/enrolled with Hill College prior to school starting.