

Lutie High School Guidance Office

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We hope you find the following *Junior Planning Checklist* helpful.

Junior Planning Checklist for Students & Parents

Spring

1. Register "online" for the ACT, www.actstudent.org
 - Plan to take the next ACT if your score is not satisfactory - watch Registration deadlines.
2. Ensure that you are enrolled in appropriate and rigorous college prep courses your senior year (Virtual High, Dual Credit, and other advanced courses).
3. Register with Fast Web <http://www.fastweb.com/> Fast Web (and other websites) provides FREE information on scholarships, college search, and jobs and internships customized to the INDIVIDUAL student profile.
4. Arrange enriching summer activities early, including volunteering, getting an interesting job or internship, or job shadow in a profession that interests you.
10. Develop and maintain a list of 5-10 colleges that interest you using a college search website. Some examples are below:
<http://www.act.org/discover/login>
<http://apps.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>
http://www.act.org/college_search/fset_col_search.html
<http://www.OfftoCollege.com>
10. Plan summer college visits by contacting admissions office at colleges of interest.

Summer

1. Visit colleges and universities of interest. (See attached College Comparison Worksheet)
2. Schedule interviews with admissions counselors
3. Request applications and financial aid information from these colleges. Requests can be made through mail service or on-line.
4. Check important dates. Some universities have early deadlines.
5. Begin developing a Senior resume. (See attached example)
6. Check out helpful websites. (See attached)

College Comparison Worksheet

COLLEGE NAME

Location

—distance from home

Size

—enrollment

—physical size of campus

Environment

—type of school (2- or 4-year)

—school setting (urban, rural)

—location & size of nearest city

—co-ed, male, female

—religious affiliation

Admission

Requirements

—deadline

—tests required

—average test scores, GPA,
rank

—notification

Academics

—your major offered

—special requirements

—accreditation

—student-faculty ratio

—typical class size

College Expenses

—tuition, room and board

—estimated total budget

—application fee, deposits

Financial Aid

—deadline

—required forms

—percentage receiving aid

—scholarships

Housing

—residence hall requirement

—food plan

Facilities

—academic

—recreational

—other

Activities

—clubs, organizations

—Greek life

—athletics, intramurals

—other

Campus Visits

—when

—special opportunities

(Sample Resume format)

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Educational Background

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(If you have attended other high schools also list them with dates you attended.)

College and Career Plans

Basic Educational Statistics

Your GPA:

Your Class Rank:

Your Graduation Date:

Your ACT/SAT score:

Academic Achievements

Examples: Honors and AP classes enrolled in; research projects completed; special academic contests, etc.

Awards, Achievements, and Honors

Academic Awards; Leadership Awards; Music Awards; Sports Awards, etc.

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs, Sports, etc.

Religious Activities (if applicable)

Church membership, nursery worker, youth group, etc.

Paid Work Experience

Community Service

Christmas baskets, blood drive, etc.

College Planning Websites

Help with Financial Aid, Scholarship Searches, and other helpful sites.

College Planning

www.finaid.org (The Financial Aid Information Page)
www.missourimost.org (Missouri MOST Program)
www.ed.gov/inits/hope (Hope Scholarship & Lifetime Learning Tax Credits)
www.upromise.com/mohela (New ways to save for college)
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.fafsa.ed.gov (FAFSA on the Web)
www.pin.ed.gov (get your PINs for the web-FAFSA)
www.fastweb.com (Scholarship search)
www.srnexpress.com (Scholarship search)
www.gocollege.com (Scholarship search)
<http://www.OfftoCollege.com> (Scholarships, planning tools, etc.)
www.wiredscholar.com (Scholarship search)
www.missouri.edu/~mufinaid (Scholarship search)
www.scholarships.com (Scholarship search)
www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships/html (Sports scholarships & internships)
<http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financial-assistance/Scholarship/black.html> (List of multiple minority scholarships)
www.act.org (Online registration for ACT)
www.collegeboard.org (College Board---also try .com)
www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (NCAA Clearinghouse) NOTE: Students intending to participate in Division I or Division II sports MUST complete NCAA Clearinghouse application FALL of Sr. year
www.dhe.mo.gov (Missouri Department of Higher Ed)
www.ed.gov (US Department of Education)
www.ed.gov/pubs/parents (Free publications to download)
www.petersons.com (Petersons Education & Career Info)
www.skill-ed.com (Career & College information)
www.collegequest.com (College Search)
www.stats.bls.gov/oco/ocoiaab.htm (Career Info Occupational Outlook Handbook)
www.mapping-your-future.org (Career Planning)
www.onlinecollegefair.com (College Search)
www.commonapp.org (Common Application online)
www.naACP.org (NAACP)
www.collegefund.org (Multi-cultural students)
www.nclD.org (Students with Learning Disabilities)
www.sss.gov (Selective Service)
www.militarycareers.com (Military Career Guide Online)