

2018 Junior Year Checklist- C

Below are the requirements needed for high school graduation. Please note that colleges and universities may have additional academic requirements including two years of the same foreign language.

High School Graduation Requirements

Throughout Your Junior Year:

___ Earn good grades. Your GPA (Grade Point Average) and HPA (Honors Point Average) are cumulative; they include all high school level courses taken and dual enrollment. This is important for graduation, awards, scholarships, college entrance, vocational school entrance, military recruiting, etc. It is important that you are organized and develop good study and planning skills. Keep track of assignments, due dates, and other important information. **Utilize the planner we give you!!! What you do now will affect you later!** Keep motivating yourself and moving forward. If you failed anything last year see guidance to set you up on an on-line credit recovery program to make up anything missed- do not wait for senior year to do this.

___ Continue to take challenging, rigorous courses with a focus on your post-secondary plans (university, community college, vocational program, military, work force). Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or Act scores in academic classes. Academic credits are in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.

In addition to working hard in school and being involved in a variety of activities, try to identify your abilities, interests, and aptitudes. Also look for opportunities to further develop your skills and talents.

___ Start (or continue) performing community service hours to apply towards the 20 hour requirement for high school graduation. Students are encouraged to perform more than 20 hours for college acceptance and also for scholarships that may have a community service requirement. Community service logs are available in the front office, on gstarschool.org, and at the guidance office.

___ Continue building a resume of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. This will be helpful for you when you need letters of recommendation. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation should be given a copy of your resume. Remember to give that person enough time to write the letter!

___ If you have not yet done so, start researching college choices based on location, price, majors offered, etc. This can be done on the internet, by phone, or in person. Also, plan visits to perspective colleges; Spring Break is a popular time for these visits; make reservations early. Contact the college about open house dates; it's highly encouraged you go to open houses!
Pay attention to announcements and sign up to attend presentations for schools you are interested in.

For a list of Florida's private colleges visit www.icuf.org.

For a list of Florida's public colleges <http://www.flbog.org/>

Visit <http://www.fldoe.org/CC/foundation/collegeLinks.asp> for a list of Florida's community colleges.

Colleges/universities are looking for students who have an academic rigorous schedule; that means that they want students that go above and beyond minimal graduation/ acceptance requirements. Remember that when you apply to a college/university you are competing with students from all over.

___ Register for the SAT and ACT online. Fee waivers (if applicable) are available in the guidance office. **It is recommended that a junior should consider taking both of these college entrance exams in the spring of their junior year.**

SAT online www.collegeboard.org ACT online www.act.org

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*These websites also have resources for scholarships, college finders, etc...

TAKE ADVANTANTAGE OF THESE!!!

__ Explore the Florida Department of Education's financial aid website. This site gives students a preview of state grants, scholarships, and loans (including Bright Futures Scholarship Program) available for post-secondary education. The website is www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. Research now, but apply after October 1 of senior year.

-Florida Academic requires 100 community service hours, 3.5 academic GPA (based off 18 academic classes), 1290 SAT or 29 ACT (Test scores do not count the writing section).

-Florida Medallion requires 75 community service hours, 3.0 academic GPA (based off 18 academic classes), 1170 SAT or 26 ACT (Test scores do not count the writing section).

__ Start thinking about possible careers by checking out www.floridashines.org and/or www.mynextmove.org. These websites also contain career inventory assessments.

__ Please check G-Star's website under Guidance Department for information, updates, and scholarship search websites.