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# JUNIOR CHECKLIST

## 2017-2018

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### ALL YEAR

- Visit and familiarize yourself with the SHS Counselor Wiki/Website  
[www.shscounseling.pbworks.com](http://www.shscounseling.pbworks.com)
- Work hard to keep a high GPA!
- Research careers/professions on the following sites:  
Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oo](http://www.bls.gov/oo)  
Real Life Arkansas: <https://www.workforce.arkansas.gov/real-life/>  
YouScience (\$49 fee): <http://www.youscience.com/>  
ACT Profile: [www.actprofile.org](http://www.actprofile.org)
- Get to know your teachers. You will need them to write letters of recommendations.
- Keep a folder of your accomplishments  
\*Awards \*Certificates \*Community Service Log \*Job shadowing/internship letters

### FALL

- Talk to your counselor to make sure you're on track to graduate and meet college admission requirements. Ask to see your unofficial transcript to find out your GPA and how many credits you've earned.
- Consider taking the PSAT, October 11, 2017. The PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam and is a good practice test for the SAT. If interested, sign up in the SHS guidance office by October 7, 2017. Fee is \$15.
- Consider taking the ASVAB, November 15, 2017. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.
- Make a list of colleges that you wish to research online.
- Research college entrance and scholarship requirements. Utilize the college comparison chart found on the SHS website [www.shscounseling.pbworks.com](http://www.shscounseling.pbworks.com)

- Register for the Fall ACT @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
(If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, see your counselor about ACT/SAT fee waiver).



<u>ACT test date:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017

### SPRING

- Discuss the colleges you are interested in with your parents/guardians/ counselor.
- Investigate college costs. Each college website has a college-student aid calculator to determine approximate cost of college.
- Begin researching scholarships and familiarize yourself with ways to pay for college:  
\*Scholarship Notebook [www.shscounseling.pbworks.com](http://www.shscounseling.pbworks.com)  
\* [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) \* [www.adhe.edu](http://www.adhe.edu)
- Start a file for college catalogs and other admission information.
- Choose senior classes that will give you a strong transcript.
- Consider taking AP or concurrent credit courses to save money in college.
- Make a college visit to your college of interest. Pick up college visit form in the main office and acquire approval through Mrs. Bolton.
- Register for Spring/Summer ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
(If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, see your counselor about ACT fee waiver).



<u>ACT test date:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 5, 2018

### Stay Up-to-Date with the latest messages and announcements.



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