



Helpful Links

SAT I & SAT II:

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

ACT:

<http://actstudent.org>

Naviance Sign In:

<http://www.connection.naviance.com/harrison>

- Call 630-3101 for assistance

NCAA Clearinghouse

<http://www.eligibilitycenter.org>

Common Application

<https://www.commonapp.org>

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Spring & Summer 2017 College Checklist Class of 2018



Spring & Summer Junior College Checklist

To Consider Now and throughout the Winter and Spring:

- College Visits** - Narrow list of colleges - Reach, Target, Likely, \$cholar\$hip Colleges
- ◆ Any time you visit a college campus, be certain to register with the admissions office so that there is a record of your visit with them
 - ◆ After a visit or tour, send a thank you email to the rep. or student who showed you the campus (take notes while on the tour of names and information of the people you meet)
 - ◆ EMAIL ADDRESSES: please create a professional email address for corresponding with colleges: Ex: FirstName.LastName@gmail.com

Standardized Tests:

- ◆ SAT I & ACT Preparation for Spring Exams
- ◆ Use www.collegeboard.com, and www.act.org, for subject lessons, sample tests, and tips and strategies to improve your scores
- ◆ Register for SAT & ACT **EARLY** - test centers fill up quickly
- ◆ Register for ACT/SAT + **Writing** when registering
- ◆ Discuss SAT II options with your counselor

Resume:

- ◆ You will have an opportunity on your Common or College applications to submit information about your extracurricular activities and involvements. A formal resume is not required.

LOOKING AHEAD...

To Consider BEFORE the end of Junior Year:

- The Green Book** - to be handed out at College Bound Day in May
- ◆ Please return by **June 5, 2017**

Letters of Recommendation:

- ◆ Consider teachers for Letter of Recommendations (minimum of 1, maximum of 2):
 - ◆ **Ask the writers in May/June** - before the end of the year
 - ◆ As soon as you return in September, REMIND YOUR WRITER ASAP
 - ◆ Teacher recommendations provide an opportunity for your commitment as a student to *shine through*—personal and revealing of your qualities
 - ◆ Consider teachers you have a strong relationship with - your writer doesn't necessarily have to be a teacher you earned the highest grade from - maybe it's a class you struggled in, but you attended extra help, you asked for extra credit, etc., and the teacher is someone who can speak to your motivation and character

Student Athletes ONLY:

- ◆ If you plan to play sports at the collegiate level, register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse **THIS SPRING**
- ◆ Connect with your coach for assistance ASAP!
- ◆ Communicate plans to play college sports with your counselor ASAP!

To Consider During the Summer Months:

College Essay - register for our College Writers Workshop!

- ◆ Writing samples provide the college admissions rep. insight into who you are as a person. They know from paper what you can bring to the academic side of campus (GPA, SAT, etc.) - let them see what kind of personality and character you can bring to the student body as well
- ◆ Brainstorm ideas and work on rough drafts
- ◆ Choose one of the questions provided that will give the admissions rep. information about you they cannot learn from scores and grades - *be original* - allow them to hear your voice and personality
- ◆ You may work with your English teachers on editing in the fall if you are unable to attend our writer's workshop - come prepared with a finalized draft!
- ◆ **Important tip:** if the application indicates a word limit, you must STICK TO IT! Reps will read thousands of essays - be mindful of their request for word limits.

College Application:

- ◆ **AFTER AUGUST 1, 2017** - College and Common Applications for Fall 2017 become finalized online (www.commonapp.org)
- ◆ Common app. colleges: Do they require a supplement? If so, then does that supplement require additional writing samples? If so:
 - ◆ DO NOT use the essay topic from the common app. to satisfy the supplemental questions. All parts of your application are going to the same place - *be original*
- ◆ Create list of prospective colleges and requirements using College Admissions websites

GOAL: NO SURPRISES IN SEPTEMBER.

Example:

College	Common App?	Supplement?	Supplement Extras?	App Fee	Take Interviews?
Harrison University	Yes	Yes	2 short answer questions	\$70.00	Yes, Recommended

****Important Note: Specific Majors and/or Scholarships may have deadlines that are earlier than the general college deadline - please carefully review your college admissions requirements for each school****

Standardized Tests:

- ◆ SAT I & ACT Preparation for Fall exams
- ◆ ****FIRST FALL ACT DATE: SEPTEMBER 2017** - you must register before the school year begins***
- ◆ ****FIRST FALL SAT DATE: OCTOBER 2017**

Finally:

- ◆ Pace your time - though it may seem like a stressful time, it's also an exciting time - let yourself enjoy it!
- ◆ HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!