

Tasks to Accomplish Junior Year

- Take the PSAT in October.
- Meet with Mrs. Prochnow and conduct a college search beginning in late winter but definitely before the end of next summer.
- Gather information using the following sources:

Campus visits - Try to visit schools when students are on campus. Spring break is an excellent time to visit campuses.

Attend college visits in the Career Center. Sign up on Family Connection and pick up a pass in the Career Center on the morning of the visit to be signed by the teacher whose class you will be missing.

Look through college catalogs in the College/Career Center

Talk to others - WMHS alumni and staff members who attended the colleges you are considering. Mrs. Prochnow has a list of staff colleges.

Browse through the scholarship bin in the career center occasionally.

Narrow choices down to a reasonable number (perhaps 6)

- Have your parents attend the Financial Aid Night in November (11/19, 7 p.m.)
- Take the SAT/ACT an appropriate number of times by June.

Sample Sequence: Fall SAT Prep – SAT in January/ACT in April

Spring SAT Prep – SAT in June/ACT in April

Depending on your satisfaction with your scores, you could always do more preparatory work in the summer and retake the SAT/ACT in Oct. and/or Nov. of your senior year. Junior year is the year for college admissions testing.

- Attend the MCPS College Fair with WMHS in April.
- Create an activity sheet (resume) for grades 9, 10, 11 at least in rough draft form. Include extra-curricular activities, work, community activities, and awards. Have another sheet that separates these activities by grade and includes the number of hours per week spent on each one.

Colleges want to see these courses on your transcript:

<u>4 years of English</u>	<u>4 years of Math including at least Alg 2</u>	<u>3-4 years of Science</u>	<u>2-3 years of the same foreign language</u>
<u>3 years of Social Studies</u>	<u>1 year of Fine Arts</u>	<u>Full course load senior year</u>	<u>Academic Electives (i.e., Law)</u>

Take Honors Level or AP Courses while maintaining the highest grade point average possible.