

Junior Year Planning

Stay in the Loop!!

Check the Junior Class Canvas Page...

We send important announcements and information via Canvas.

YCHS Guidance Website

<https://www.york.k12.sc.us/Page/456>

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Research & Narrow Down Career Options

- ✓ Research Careers, Professional Interviews, Job Shadow, Internships, etc.
- ✓ Websites
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook – www.bls.gov/ooh
 - O'NET Online – <https://www.onetonline.org/>
 - My Next Move – <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

Continue Researching College & Military Options

- ✓ Create a list of 5-10 colleges/universities to research... **Narrow your list down to 3-5 the summer prior to senior year!!** Your list should include a combination of target, reach, and safety schools. The below websites may be useful as you begin/continue your research.
 - www.sccang.org
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
 - www.actstudent.org
 - <https://www.collegedata.com/>
 - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
 - <https://www.collegexpress.com/>
 - <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>
 - <https://www.collegesimply.com/>
 - <https://www.unigo.com/>
- ✓ Create a **College Comparison Chart** to keep up with information... Focus on areas such as size, location, admission requirements (GPA, test scores), majors offered, cost to attend, etc.
- ✓ Schedule tours/visits... Students receive two **excused college visit days** both junior and senior year. Students should complete college visit form the absence to excused.
- ✓ If you're interested in the **military** research the different branches or the particular branch you are considering...
 - Research enlistment requirements, create a list of questions to ask, and **get in contact with a recruiter**... get the YCHS Military Contact list from your counselor.
 - Take ASVAB... ASVAB is offered at YCHS to all juniors each year
 - Check out www.todaymilitary.com and www.military.com for more information.

Create Your Resume

- ✓ Begin creating a resume if you don't already have one... You will need this information when you are completing college/scholarship applications and to submit when requesting someone to write a recommendation for you
- ✓ Include content such as Name/Address/Contact Information, Current School/Grade Level/GPA/Class Rank, Career Goal, Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, Work

- ✓ Experience, Leadership Roles/Experience, Honors/Awards, Skills/Certifications, etc. (see additional resume info)
- ✓ Creating a resume now will also help identify any gaps you need to fill in order to be competitive in the application process

SAT/ACT

- ✓ **Take the SAT and/or ACT at least twice in your junior year, but you may test as many times as needed to achieve your desired score**
 - Remember you can select one of the tests to take at YCHS in the spring free of charge
 - You do not have to take both tests; however, some students take both tests to determine which is a better fit and then continue retaking that particular test to improve their scores
 - If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch see your counselor for a test fee waiver
- ✓ Implement a **study plan** at least 4-6 weeks prior to each test date... Free online prep is available: www.collegeboard.org, www.act.org, www.khanacademy.org, www.testpreview.com/act_practice, www.virtualsc.org

College Admission Applications

- ✓ Begin researching **application requirements** the summer prior to senior year
 - Make a note of application deadlines and requirements
 - Not all college/universities require an essay or personal statement, but summer is a good time to begin outlining/writing if needed
 - You may also want to consider who you may want to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf if needed
- ✓ **Applications should be completed online...** Students may begin completing college applications in August/September of their senior year... Some applications may become available earlier... Please keep in mind that summer requests for transcripts/recommendations may not be processed immediately as counselors do not work all summer and upon return are preparing for the start of the school year
- ✓ Students who have used a test fee waiver for the SAT and/or ACT may also receive up to four **college application fee waivers**
- ✓ Don't forget to have your resume ready as some applications will require **recommendation letters/student evaluations** and this should be provided

NCAA Eligibility Center

- ✓ If you are playing sports on the collegiate level you will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>) **by the end of junior year...** See your counselor for assistance and to have your transcript sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center
- ✓ Be sure to review core course requirements, when courses must be taken, the types of courses that can count toward eligibility, SAT/ACT requirements, etc.