

SHOREWOOD FOUR YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR TASKS

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Summer	<p>Visit college campuses. Call ahead/ look online for tour and open house schedules.</p> <p>If you do not have a Social Security number, apply for one. See counselor if you do not have one/ don't know what to do.</p> <p>Continue community service work for graduation requirement and scholarship & college application enhancement.</p>
September	<p>Double-check your course schedule to be sure you are on track for college entrance requirements.</p> <p>Download the SAT Daily Practice app at www.collegeboard.org. Start practicing for the SAT with the NEW partnership between online Khan Academy and College Board www.khanacademy.org/SAT</p>
All Year	<p>Consider personal fit: Your learning style? Desired location? Possible majors? Use Naviance search tools.</p> <p>Begin or add to your "colleges I'm thinking about" list in Naviance: http://connection.naviance.com/shorewoodwa.</p> <p>Athletes who wish to play NCAA athletics should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.</p> <p>Attend visits with college reps in the Career Center. Check k12 email regularly; you will be sent an invitation through Naviance for visits from any colleges you have added to your "colleges I'm thinking about" list.</p> <p>Attend college-related events at Shorewood. Watch your email. Attend events in the Seattle area.</p> <p>Begin a monthly review of scholarship opportunities listed in Naviance. Identify scholarships for which you can apply either now or in your senior year. Other scholarship websites like thewashboard.org and fastweb.com may be helpful.</p>
October-November	<p>Register for the PSAT at the Shorewood Business Office (\$15).* You will <i>not</i> automatically be signed up.</p> <p>Start a folder/organization system for college materials.</p> <p>Attend the Seattle National College Fair and other college fairs (Arts, Black College Fair). Watch your email or check the College/Career website. Preview the list of schools, target 5-10, and have a plan.</p> <p>For future planning, calculate your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) for the FAFSA, using the fafsa4caster at www.fafsa.ed.gov.</p> <p>Figure out your testing plan and sign up to take the SAT collegeboard.org and/ or ACT act.org in winter or early spring.*</p> <p>If you are a "College Bound" student, talk with your counselor or Mrs. Stephens. Keep your GPA above a 2.0; you and your parents should check the College Bound website periodically: http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program</p>
December	<p>Use your PSAT score report for feedback on your skills and to get ready for the SAT or ACT.</p> <p>Start figuring out academic fit. Guidance will be provided.</p>
January-February	<p>Figure out your senior year schedule. Enroll in rigorous, appropriate courses and choose # of APs carefully. NCAA Athletes, be sure that your courses fit the stringent requirements.</p>
January-April	<p>Prepare for and take the SAT and/or ACT. Consider independent preparation using a text or online materials, or taking a class. Register for SAT collegeboard.org and ACT act.org online. Take early enough to retake (if desired/ needed) in late spring. See counselor for fee waivers if your family qualifies for free/reduced lunch.</p> <p>If desired/ needed, register for SAT II (SAT Subject) Tests to be taken at end of related AP course.*</p>
February	<p>Work on academic fit and financial fit. Guidance will be provided. Parents should be involved in financial fit discussions.</p> <p>Keep adding to your "colleges I'm thinking about" list. Your goal is a set of likely and possible schools that fit you in many ways.</p>
March	<p>Start looking for summer opportunities: employment, experiences, courses, volunteerism, internships. See the College & Career website.</p> <p>When you get ACT/ SAT scores back, compare the percentiles and look at score ranges/ requirements for your desired colleges. If you want to raise a score, register for another test.</p>
April	<p>Attend Shorewood's spring College Night.</p> <p>Athletes should keep up on NCAA eligibility. Add the NCAA Eligibility Center to Naviance under "colleges I'm thinking about."</p>

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May	Compile preliminary application list of likely and possible schools in Naviance and begin calendar with application deadlines. Upload your resume into Naviance. If needed, retake SAT or ACT.* Consider taking SAT II subject tests when you complete related AP courses.
June	Attend a College Application/ Essay Session with Mrs. Stephens. Plan to spend part of your summer getting a head start on college applications and your essay. Ask teacher(s) in person for letters of recommendation if you know you will need them. Keep refining your application list.
SUMMER AS A RISING SENIOR	
Summer	Visit colleges, attend Seattle Colleges That Change Lives College Fair ctcl.org . Keep Naviance "thinking about" list current. Draft application essay. Prompts on Career Center website: http://www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer . Start the Common App commonapp.org if you have any Common App schools. Register to retake SAT/ ACT if needed.
September	Look for the Senior Four Year College Planning Timeline.

*Fee Waivers

Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch generally qualify for fee waivers for the PSAT/SAT/ACT registration fees and for several college application fees. See your counselor to request waivers, which are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shorewood College & Career Online Resources

College Fit page www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer > College Fit or <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/3126>

College Athletics page www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer > College Athletics or <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2261>

Community Service page www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer > Community Service or <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/1407>

Financial Aid page www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer > Financial Aid <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/1409>

Scholarships page www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer > Scholarships <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/1410>

Outside Resources

College Board's Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/make-a-plan>

11th Grade Planning <http://www.readyssetgrad.org/#11th-grade/ready/overview>