



College and Career Readiness: Junior Postsecondary Timeline

❖ September/October

- Look for college and career fairs in the area and attend them to get an idea of what programs and schools are a good fit for you.
- Look for the NACAC National Fair in October – it features hundreds of schools from across the country that you might not be exposed to otherwise.
- Try taking a practice SAT to get a gauge on where you are in terms of preparing for the test. Speak with Mrs. Murdock if you need help understanding your scores. Free test prep is available online at Khan Academy.

❖ November and December

- Check in with Mrs. Murdock to have a preliminary talk about your postsecondary plans, just to make sure you're on track.

❖ January/February

- If you haven't started studying for the SAT yet, go to Khan Academy online and start using the SAT prep program to ensure you get the best score possible. Studying with the online program is flexible and can fit into your schedule.

❖ April

- Take the state SAT at Proviso West in April. It's free **and** a graduation requirement, so make sure you're there and doing the best you can.

❖ May

- Check in with the College and Career Center to talk about what's needed for Financial Aid during the college application process. Make sure to involve your family in this process as completing FAFSA will require their financial information as well.

❖ June-August

- Retake the SAT as necessary
- Consider taking the ACT instead if you feel more comfortable with that test
- Visit colleges you're interested in
- Narrow your list of schools to 6-8
 - Two reach schools
 - Two target schools
 - Two sure admit schools