

High School Checklist for Juniors

- Schedule an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss challenging curriculum, graduation requirements, grade point average, Bright Futures scholarships and post-secondary plans.
- Meet with your College & Career Advisor for resources to help you with college and career planning.
- If test scores permit, take advanced coursework such as IB, AP, or dual enrollment that can earn college credit. Post-secondary education institutions like to see challenging coursework.
- Attend the BHS College Fair and the district Post-Secondary Night to meet admission representatives.
- Register for a SAT and ACT spring test date; registration deadlines are usually a month before the test date. The tests are offered several times a year and fee waivers are available for eligible students through the Guidance department.
- Get involved; explore clubs, student organizations, and athletics at BHS. If possible, take leadership roles in these organizations.
- Ask about summer leadership opportunities from your College & Career Advisor.
- Continue building and completing your Student Activity Resume
- Review financial aid websites such as <u>fafsa.gov</u> and <u>floridastudentfinancialaid.org</u> to prepare for your senior year application process. Discuss with your parent/guardian about your plans for the future.
- Be aware of deadlines and requirements for admission at schools you are considering. Narrow down your list of potential schools and contact them for information on open house dates.
- Sign up for college visits at the Guidance Desk. Plan visits to college campuses. Make appointments, especially if visiting during the summer. Work on your college essay and apply early.
- Talk to your coaches, contact the athletic departments of your favorite schools, or go to the NCAA web site for more information on athletic scholarships.
- Volunteer in the community and earn service hours. Complete a community service form and have it approved at the Guidance Desk. Turn in the form to Guidance.