



High School Checklist for Juniors

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss graduation requirements, grade point average, Bright Futures requirements and post-secondary plans.
- Meet with the College and Career Advisor for resources to help you with college and career planning.
- Get involved! Join clubs, organizations, and sports teams available to you at BRHS. Volunteer for leadership roles. Get your volunteer hours completed. Colleges and employers like to see student leaders.
- Take the most rigorous schedule in which you can be successful. If grades and test scores permit, take advanced classes such as AP or dual enrollment. Post-secondary schools like to see challenging coursework. Talk to your counselor about requirements before senior registration in the spring.
- Narrow down your list of potential schools. Be aware of deadlines and requirements for admission. Look for information regarding open houses, tours etc.
- Become familiar with *Florida Bright Futures*. Be aware of the courses, grades and test scores that are required for eligibility. Visit www.floridastudentfinancialaidsq.org to learn more. Bright Futures is your responsibility.
- Register for a SAT or ACT in the spring. Registration deadlines are usually 1 month prior to the test. You should take at least 1 SAT and 1ACT before the end of your junior year.
- Explore career options. Meet with the College and Career advisor with questions. Take a survey on Floridashines.org.
- Talk to your coaches and contact the coaches at schools you are interested in, find out what is needed for recruitment i.e., grades, clearinghouse, transcripts.
- Visit colleges. Most schools have on-campus or virtual tours throughout the year. Go to the school's website to sign-up. See the attendance secretary in Student Services to get an approval form.
- Prepare your resume – this should include all of your activities. This will be helpful in completing your college applications.
- Towards the end of junior year, prep for your college essays. Research the topics and start to put together some ideas.

