



# COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE: JUNIORS

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## FALL

- Review your class schedule. Are you on track to graduate? Will the classes you are taking help you reach your goals after high school?
- If you haven't already, get serious about school! Colleges will consider your cumulative GPA but will also look for improvement.
- Consider community service or other outside-of-school activities part of your education.
- Check [CCHS website for clubs and activities](#).
- Talk as a family about paying for college. Ask parents about geographic or financial concerns that may affect your college search. Attend our **Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop** in October.
- Visit with college reps that come to Creek. Check Naviance and the bulletin board outside the Post Grad Center for scheduled visits and sign up online to attend.
- Attend Greater Denver College Fair and National College Fair and Workshop.
- Attend Out-of-State and In-State College Nights.
- Register for the **PSAT/NMSQT** - This is a practice test for the **SAT** and a high score can qualify students for National Merit Scholarship consideration.

## WINTER/SPRING

- Schedule your Junior Conference! Parents are invited. Prior to your conference, you must complete the **Junior Conference Questionnaire** (*About Me—Surveys from Your School*) and update your Academic Planning (*Courses* link) in *Naviance Student*.
- Students attend **Creek 301 Junior Assembly** (required) and parents attend *College 301 Junior Parent Night*.
- Attend **CREEK TO COLLEGE: A College Planning Workshop for Parents and Students**.
- Start a list of colleges you may be interested in based on majors, location, size and tuition using college search tool in Naviance. Visit colleges.
- Research schools and take note of application/financial aid requirements and deadlines.
- Register for appropriate senior classes. Colleges want to see the most demanding schedule that you can successfully manage.
- Start researching scholarships. Some deadlines are in early Fall of your senior year.
- Attend *College Counseling Lunchtime Junior Workshops*, 5th Period. Dates are listed on [CCHSPostgrad.com](http://CCHSPostgrad.com).
- Register for the **ACT** and/or **SAT**. Note: All juniors will be given the District ACT in February and the State SAT during school hours in April. Determine if any of the colleges you are interested in requires the Writing Portion of either test.
- Visit the **Denver Spring College Fair** at Cherry Creek High School in April.
- Playing sports in college? Check [NCAA](#) eligibility requirements. Order transcripts to be sent to [NCAA](#) at the *end* of your junior year for initial eligibility clearance.
- Begin brainstorming ideas for your college and scholarship essays.
- Register for the [College Opportunity Fund](#) (COF).
- If you will be applying to any service academies, schedule and have your **senior** conference before end of school year. Gather info regarding nomination process.