



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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11th Grade

Welcome to Junior Year!

Junior year is very important because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear.

This fall, **your child can prepare for education beyond high school by taking the PSAT**. It is a good idea for students to take it even if they're not sure they want to go to a four-year college. The PSAT assesses academic skills and gives students the chance to practice for the SAT. PSAT scores can qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Your child's path after high school could include a four-year college, a two-year college, a CTE (technical college), military, or entering the workforce. To pursue those options, your teen should **prepare to take an entrance exam**. No matter what path your child chooses, it will likely require at least one entrance exam. Talk to the guidance counselor to learn more about which test your child should take, when, and how to get a fee waiver if necessary.

The SAT and ACT are the main entrance exams for four-year colleges. The PSAT is the practice test for the SAT. Students will begin to register for and take other postsecondary exams junior year, depending on which postsecondary path they choose, juniors may take other postsecondary exams as well. Students can learn more about each of these exams and the registration processes at the following Internet sites:

- **Four-year colleges:** SAT, SAT Subject Tests: www.collegeboard.com and ACT: www.actstudent.org
- **Two-year colleges:** ACCUPLACER: www.collegeboard.com
- **Military:** ASVAB: www.asvabprogram.com

- **Free test preparation is available on each of the tests' websites.**
- **Test fees may be waived for students who meet income eligibility guidelines. Talk to a guidance counselor to see if your junior is eligible for fee waivers**



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Upcoming Lessons in **Naviance Family Connection** with your counselor:

- **Developing a GamePlan!**

Check out **Naviance TestPrep!!**

-Free self-directed practice course for SAT & AP exams

-Log into Naviance Family Connection & click on

resources

- [Naviance Test Prep](#)

Other Testing Resources can be found here...

- [sat/act resources](#)

Did You Know?

Research indicates that "hope is a better predictor of college success and graduation than GPA and test scores."

Source: Brandon Busteed, Executive Director, Gallup Education