



## College Planning Checklist – Grade 9

### Academics

- Strive to do your best in all of your classes. You are laying the groundwork for future high school course selection and academic readiness for college.
- Form a study group with friends or classmates.
- If you fall behind in a class, talk to your teacher and counselor. Tutoring information is available in the Counseling Center.
- When forecasting, discuss with your counselor and teachers which classes will be the best fit for you during sophomore year.

### Standardized Testing

- Reading (both for school and pleasure) will help develop greater vocabulary and reading comprehension. This will prepare you for future standardized tests and advanced coursework.
- Being focused and engaged in your classes, and practicing following directions on quizzes/tests administered in class or during finals week, are great preparation for the SAT and ACT.

### Action Items

- Create and regularly update a college planning file that should include:
  - Your report cards
  - A list of awards and honors you receive
  - Description & reflection of school and community activities you take part in
  - Description & reflection of volunteer experiences or paid jobs
- Become involved in at least one extracurricular activity and, if possible, get really involved. Don't be afraid to try something new! Now is a great time to explore new interests and strengthen your gifts and talents.
- Consider:
  - Participating in enrichment programs, workshops or camps that explore academic subjects, activities, or careers
  - Enrolling in Jesuit Summer Session classes for personal and academic enrichment
  - Volunteering in your community
  - Working a part-time or full-time job

### College Planning Events at Jesuit

- Financial Aid Night – October



## College Planning Checklist – Grade 10

### Academics

- Strive to do your best in all of your classes and continue to form study groups with friends and classmates.
- If you fall behind in a class, talk to your teacher and counselor. Tutoring information is available in the Counseling Center.
- When forecasting, discuss with your counselor and teachers which classes will be the best fit for you during junior year.

### Standardized Testing

- Take the PSAT and Practice ACT at Jesuit.
- Keep reading! It will help you develop greater vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Stay focused and engaged in your classes, and continue to practice following directions on quizzes/tests administered in class or during finals week. Developing these skills will prepare you for the SAT and ACT.

### Action Items

- Update your college planning file on a regular basis!
- Stay involved with your extracurricular activities and try to take on a leadership role, or find other ways to make significant contributions. Especially stay involved with the activities that you enjoy and find meaningful.
- Visit colleges so you can begin to identify your preferences and ideal characteristics. Compare, evaluate, and reflect on your observations and experiences. Consider starting with visits to private and public colleges in Oregon, or check out a college campus during a family trip or vacation. Add colleges you like to your *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list in Naviance Student.
- Join colleges' mailing lists to receive information and invitations to local events for prospective students. These events often target juniors and seniors, so signing up as a sophomore will ensure you'll receive notifications as a junior and senior.
- Consider:
  - Participating in enrichment programs, workshops or camps that explore academic subjects, activities, or careers
  - Enrolling in Jesuit Summer Session classes for personal and academic enrichment
  - Volunteering in your community
  - Working a part-time or full-time job

### College Planning Events at Jesuit

- Financial Aid Night – October
- College Night for Sophomores & Parents/Guardians – March



## College Planning Checklist – Grade 11

### Academics

- Strive to do your best in all of your classes. Colleges closely examine junior year classes & grades.
- If you fall behind in a class, talk to your teacher and counselor. Tutoring information is available in the Counseling Center.
- When forecasting, discuss with your counselor and teachers which classes will be the best fit for you during senior year.

### Standardized Testing

- Take the PSAT and Practice ACT at Jesuit.
- Plan to take SAT and/or the ACT at least once. Most students are best prepared to take these tests in spring of junior year through fall of senior year. Review practice test results to determine if you had an affinity for one test, review testing dates to determine if one test better aligns with other commitments, register online for your test(s) of choice, and meaningfully engage in test prep.
- Check in with your counselor if you have questions about SAT and ACT, to request a SAT or ACT registration fee waiver (which have eligibility criteria).

### Action Items: During Junior Year

- Update your college planning file on a regular basis and continue your extracurricular activities. Find new ways to demonstrate leadership, persistence, thoughtfulness, creativity or some other special trait through your activities. Work on improving your favorite skills or talents, and seek opportunities to take on further responsibilities & leadership in activities.
- Visit and research colleges so you can begin to narrow down preferences and ideal characteristics. Compare, evaluate, and reflect on your observations and experiences. Update and refine your *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list in Naviance Student.
- Athletes who anticipate potentially competing in college sports should register with the NCAA & NAIA Eligibility Centers.
- Complete the *College Planning Questionnaire for Juniors* and the *Cluster Finder Inventory* in Naviance Student.
- Meet with college advisor to develop a list of prospective colleges based on strengths, interests, and priorities, and to discuss anything related to college planning. Appointments are available upon request.
- Join colleges' mailing lists to receive information and invitations to local events for prospective students. These events often target juniors and seniors.

### Action Items: Summer after Junior Year

- Complete the *Counselor Statement Questionnaire* in Naviance Student. This questionnaire gathers information that will help your college advisor include insights about your personal & academic experiences in their counselor recommendation.
- Create a résumé in Naviance Student for future use (some admission/scholarship applications require or accept a résumé).
- Finalize any audition plans, portfolios or special materials required for admission to programs such as art, music, design, film, architecture, dance, theatre, etc.
- In August, begin to work on your essays & admission application on the various application platforms used by your colleges.
- Consider:
  - Participating in enrichment programs, workshops or camps that explore academic subjects, activities, or careers
  - Enrolling in Jesuit Summer Session classes for personal and academic enrichment
  - Volunteering in your community
  - Working a part-time or full-time job

### College Planning Events at Jesuit

- College Planning Presentation for Juniors – September (open to students)
- College Planning Presentation for Junior Parents/Guardians – September
- Virtual College Visits – September, October, November (open to students)
- Financial Aid Night – October
- College Night for Juniors & Parents/Guardians – January



## College Planning Checklist – Grade 12

### Academics

- Strive to do your best in all of your classes. Colleges will receive a mid-year report, which includes semester 1 grades. A final report, which includes semester 2 grades, will be sent to the one college you commit to.

### Standardized Testing

- If necessary, continue to engage in test prep and take the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Check in with your counselor if you have questions about SAT and ACT, to request a SAT or ACT registration fee waiver (which have eligibility criteria).
- You are responsible for self-reporting and submitting official test scores to colleges. Jesuit does not report test scores on transcripts.

### Action Items: Year-Round

- Meet regularly with your college advisor to review your college list, application plans, financial aid procedures, etc. and to discuss anything related to college planning. Appointments are available upon request.
- Stay involved with your extracurricular activities. Find new ways to demonstrate leadership, persistence, thoughtfulness, creativity or some other special trait through your activities.
- Continue to learn as much as possible about your prospective colleges by attending College Visits at Jesuit, scheduling an interview with your colleges, attending receptions & info sessions held in Portland, and visiting college campuses.

### Action Items: Semester 1

- Focus on applying to well-researched colleges. Pay close attention to specific requirements & deadlines for each college. Thoroughly review each application before submitting.
- Close to 200 college representatives schedule visits with Jesuit High School to meet with prospective students. Sign up for College Visits in Naviance Student.
- Complete the Common Application FERPA Waiver and match your Common App account with your Naviance Student account. These steps must be completed in order for Jesuit to send transcripts, recommendations, etc. to Common Application colleges.
- Submit a Transcript Request Form for each college you plan to apply to at least 1 month before the deadline.
- Request teacher recommendations, following Jesuit's policies & procedures.
- Apply for Financial Aid:
  - FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid, accepted by most colleges
  - CSS Profile: supplemental financial aid application, accepted by some colleges
  - ORSAA: Oregon Student Aid Application, only for DACA, TPS, and undocumented students in Oregon
  - Oregon Promise: statewide grant that covers community college tuition in Oregon

### Action Items: Semester 2

- Provide teachers and other individuals who wrote your letters of recommendation with a thank you note.
- Submit Mid-Year Transcript Request Form for each non-Common Application college that requests or recommends a transcript with 7<sup>th</sup> semester grades.
- May 1: Deadline to choose the college you will attend. Submit deposit/intent-to-enroll form to one college. Notify all other colleges in writing of your decision and withdraw applications.
- June: Send your official AP scores and, if applicable, official college transcript(s) to your college.
- The Counseling Center will administer a survey in spring to determine each senior's post-HS plan. You must notify your college advisor if your plan changes.

### College Planning Events at Jesuit

- Application Workshops – September (open to students)
- College Planning Presentation for Senior Parents/Guardians – September
- College Visits – September, October, November (open to students)
- Financial Aid Night – October