

Helpful Websites

Technical School info:

www.papsa.com
www.technicalschools.org
www.best-technical-schools.com
www.technical-vocational-schools.net

Financing your education:

www.finaid.org
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.pheaa.org
www.educationplanner.org

Military:

www.usafa.edu
www.usna.edu
www.usma.edu

Scholarships:

www.scholarships.com
www.house.state.pa.us/
www.collegeboard.com
www.fastweb.com
www.educationplanner.org

General college info:

www.collegetown.com
www.campustours.com
www.educationplanner.com
www.makingitcount.com
www.yourfuture.com

SAT/ACT: SAT or ACT plus Writing test scores are required for admission to college. Some colleges **require** the SAT/ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency. Check your school to see what the specific requirements are for admission.

Pay close attention to testing dates and deadlines. You can check the website at: www.carlynton.k12.pa.us for these dates and times. Testing info is also available at: www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org.

Prepare for the SAT/ACT. Use your PSAT results, purchase a book of practice tests and strategies, or take a prep course. These scores are very important in college admission.

ASVAB: Students interested in the Military should also take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Check with your counselor about testing dates.

PSSA: The Pennsylvania State Assessment tests are given to juniors in writing, reading, and math. Students must achieve at the “proficient” level in all three areas to avoid retesting.

Post-Secondary Planning For Juniors and Parents



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TIMELINE CHECK LIST

September/October/November

- ___ Become involved in clubs and school/community activities
- ___ Take PSAT for practice and National Merit Scholarship
- ___ Go to college visits when the Rep comes to Carlynton
- ___ Start application for Military Academy
- ___ Look into NCAA Clearing house
- ___ Think about careers
- ___ Use Guidance resources
- ___ Job Shadow
- ___ Attend Junior Interview with counselor
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

December/January

- ___ Visit web sites of potential colleges
- ___ Get the best grades you can
- ___ Discuss PSAT scores with counselor
- ___ Look into NCAA requirements
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

February

- ___ Register For SAT/ACT
- ___ Attend college fair and speak to reps
- ___ Prepare for SAT/ACT – use online or PSAT, take a class
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

TIMELINE CHECK LIST

March

- ___ Continue to research and evaluate information on schools
- ___ Select courses for senior year – CHALLENGE YOURSELF!!
- ___ Athletes - get NCAA guide
- ___ Register for SAT/ACT
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

April

- ___ Continue to refine college list
- ___ Visit local schools over Spring break
- ___ Look into internship opportunities for Summer
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

May

- ___ Plan good use of Summer time – volunteer, take a class, get a job, community service
- ___ Make appointments to visits colleges/tech schools in Summer
- ___ Identify teachers to write recommendations
- ___ Take SAT/ACT
- ___ STUDY!! READ!!

June/July/August

- ___ Visit schools, take tours
- ___ Work on essay, resume
- ___ Volunteer, com. service, job shad.
- ___ Narrow school choices
- ___ READ!!!

CHOOSING A MAJOR

Making a lifelong decision about a Major requires information about yourself. What do you like? What do you like to study? What makes you happy? Think about these questions. If you are still undecided when applying to college, make sure you look at schools that have all majors that interest you. Here are some resources:

Use the internet.

www.educationplanner.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.actstudent.org
www.makingitcount.com
www.yourfuture.org
www.careercruising.com

Just to start. See your counselor for more info.

School Catalogs. The guidance office has many school catalogs to view, or go to the colleges' websites. Look up majors and see if those courses appeal to you.

Ask Questions. As you meet and visit with family and friends, ask what they do for a living. What do they like/dislike about their job? Talk to students home from college.

Consider the Job Outlook. Jobs are constantly changing, and occupation demands are changing. If you become familiar with in demand jobs, you can prepare to fill the need.

Job Shadow, volunteer, or internship. These are all good ways to "try out" different careers. They also make a good impression on your resume or transcript.