



Junior Year Timeline

Outcomes

- Students will know appropriate times to complete tasks throughout their Junior year.
- Students will know how to utilize resources provided to assist in the postsecondary planning process.
- Students will know steps needed for continuation of postsecondary planning through summer leading into Senior year.

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Junior Counseling Curriculum

- Postsecondary Planning
- Financial Fit
- Course Planning
- Understanding Postsecondary Requirements

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Fall Activities

- Attend College Visits (*The PARC - formerly the College & Career Center*)
- Favorite Schools on SchoolLinks
- Register for AP Testing (*if applicable*)
- Make Sure Academics are a Priority

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Winter Activities

- Check Over Academic Requirements (*if attending college*)
- Select Courses for Senior Year
- Visit College/University Campuses
 - [On-Campus College Visit Tips](#)

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Spring Activities

- Prepare to Take the State ACT
- Attend Junior Week (Feb. 2025)
- Begin Asking Teachers for Recommendation Letters
(*check college requirements first*)
- Complete the Recommendation/Scholarship Survey
- Register of the NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Center (*if applicable*)
- Finish Junior Year Strong!

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Summer Activities

- Continue Visiting Colleges
- Continue Working on the Recommendation/Scholarship Survey
- Review College Application Essay Requirements
- Narrow down potential college application list in SchoolLinks
- REST (Seriously!)

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Supporting Your Junior

SchoolLinks Parent Observer Accounts

The screenshot shows the SchoolLinks Guardian Dashboard. At the top, there is a green header with the SchoolLinks logo, a button to "Join Your Alumni/Professional Network", and icons for user profile (KN), email, notifications, help, and settings. A left sidebar contains icons for STUDENTS, COLLEGES, CAREERS, and FINANCES. The main content area is titled "Guardian Dashboard" and shows the user's profile for Maya Junior, a 12th Grade student at SchoolLinks High School. A dropdown menu is open, displaying various sections: Planning (Course Plans, Personalized Plans, Goals), Accountability & Performance (Readiness Indicators, Test Scores), Student Activities (Assessments), College (College Lists & Favorites), Career (Certifications), Finance (College Costs), and Other Documents. A button at the top right of the dropdown allows the user to "Choose a different section".

Join Your Alumni/Professional Network >

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Guardian Dashboard

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Choose a different section ^

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Grade
12th Grade

School
SchoolLinks High School

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Visiting Colleges

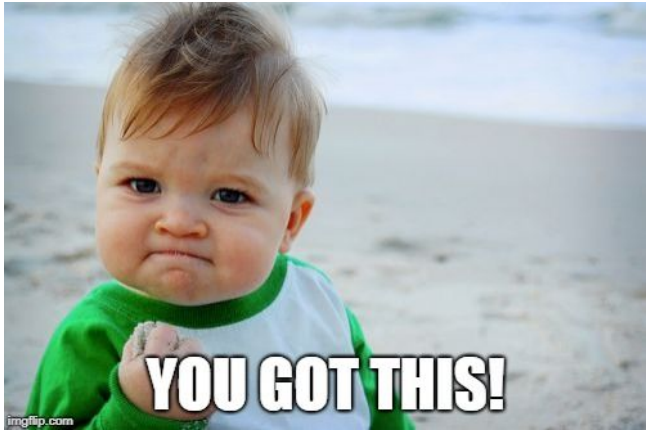


- There is great value in seeing a college in person!
- Check a school's Admissions Office website about upcoming visit opportunities.
- Make sure if you visit a campus, you make it "official"
 - Either take an official tour from Admissions, or visit the Admissions Office to let them know you are on campus (**Demonstrated Interest**)

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Social / Emotional Support



- **Encourage** your student(s) during postsecondary planning and research
- **Be supportive and communicate openly** with your student(s)
- **Be patient** with your student(s) throughout this process - this takes time

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Junior Responsibilities

Favorite Colleges in SchoolLinks

Search for a location, school, or program...

Search This Area

Filter By

School Type 2 Campus Test Scores My Chances VR Degree Type Sports Graduation Rate

Illinois Public Private

Graduation Rate: 73.7%

Christian Life College
Mount Prospect, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 72.7%

DePaul University
Chicago, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 72.7%

Illinois State University
Normal, IL | Public

Graduation Rate: 72.0%

Illinois Institute of Technology
Chicago, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 71.0%

Lake Forest College
Lake Forest, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 69.7%

Illinois College
Jacksonville, IL | Private

Map view showing locations of colleges in Illinois.

Junior Responsibilities



- **Show off your academic progress**

Make this a strong year! Junior year is a very important year for your college applications because it's the last full year of high school that colleges see.

- **Make up for past mistakes**

Colleges like to see one of two things: Strong performance that is maintained throughout *OR* an upward trend of doing better and better each year.

- **Great grades is defined differently for all students.**

Colleges do not expect A+ on transcripts from students. Your best can be C's or B's and that is still GREAT!!

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Clean Up Social Media



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- [NCompass](#)
Dist. 203 Postsecondary Planning Guide
- [In-School College Visits](#)
Instructions on how students can attend in-school college visits
 - [Upcoming College Visits](#) (Calendar for the next week)
 - [Upcoming College Visits](#) (Alpha list of ALL upcoming visits)
- [On-Campus College Visit Tips](#)
Tips for students planning to visit college campuses

Additional Resources

