



Junior 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*)
- 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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Career Takeover 2025

Nov. 6, 2025

- Career Takeover returns this year, with even more opportunities for students to connect with professionals in their field
- **EVERY HUSKIE** gets to take part in this important activity!
- More information will be shared in the coming weeks



*Interested
in possibly
speaking at
Career
Takeover?*



2nd Annual Career Takeover



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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COLLEGE-BOUND ATHLETES

- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
- Check with your counselor or Ms. Murray to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org and or and or register with the NAIA eligibility center at PlayNAIA.org.

Click here for more details

[25-26 College-Bound Athletes](#)





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. The left sidebar contains navigation links for STUDENTS, COLLEGES, CAREERS, and FINANCES. The main content area is titled "Guardian Dashboard" and shows the user 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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Grade
12th Grade

School
SchoolLinks High School

- Planning**
 - Course Plans
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Visiting Colleges

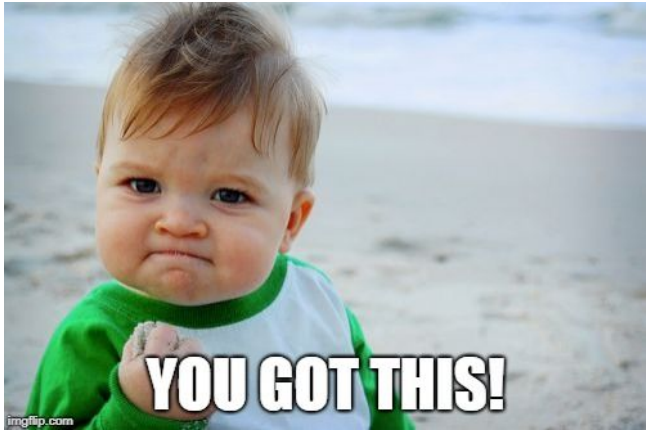


- There is great value in seeing a college in person!
- Check a school's Admissions Office website about upcoming visit opportunities.
- Make sure if you visit a campus, you make it "official"
 - Either take an official tour from Admissions, or visit the Admissions Office to let them know you are on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

Filter By: School Type **2** Campus Test Scores My Chances VR Degree Type Sports Graduation Rate

Illinois Public Private

College	Location	Type	Graduation Rate
Christian Life College	Mount Prospect, IL	Private	73.7%
DePaul University	Chicago, IL	Private	72.7%
Illinois State University	Normal, IL	Public	72.7%
Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago, IL	Private	72.0%
Lake Forest College	Lake Forest, IL	Private	71.0%
Illinois College	Jacksonville, IL	Private	69.7%

Map view showing college locations in Illinois with a search bar and zoom controls.

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!!

Junior Responsibilities



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
- [Guide for College-Bound Athletes \(NCAA / NAIA\)](#)

Additional Resources



Sign-up for the new NNHS Student Services Remind Group!

Text @nnhsdoss to 81010

REMIND





Upcoming Opportunities

- **Sept. 13:** [NACAC National College Fair @ Navy Pier \(Chicago\)](#)
A national college fair, featuring more than 200 colleges & universities from across the country.
- **Sept. 18:** [Technology Center DuPage Open House \(Addison\)](#)
An opportunity for students & families to learn what TCD has to offer.
- **Oct. 14:** [Illinois Regional College Fair @ College of DuPage \(Glen Ellyn\)](#)
Another college fair opportunity, bringing in additional colleges & universities from across the country.
- **Nov 6: 2nd Annual Career Takeover (NNHS)**
An even more robust career exploration activity to help students in choosing classes for the upcoming school year!



Evening Schedule

Room	Session 1 (6:00 - 6:35pm)	Session 2 (6:40 - 7:15pm)	Session 3 (7:20 - 7:55pm)
Large Cafe	Senior Year Overview	What's Next?	What's Next?
Small Cafe	Junior Timeline	Postsecondary Resources	Postsecondary Resources
Learning Commons	Sophomore Timeline	Counselor Connection (A - Lez)	Counselor Connection (Lf - Z)

Next Sessions

