



Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School Junior Checklist

Throughout Junior Year

- Continue to take the most challenging high school courses you may be the most successful in and pass all classes with a “C” or higher
 - At the time of application, colleges will only have grades from your 9-11th grade years
- Make sure you are keeping up with academic requirements for graduation
- Start to make comparisons of colleges in regards to location, cost, size, programs, etc.
- Start listing colleges of interest and understand their requirements (test scores, GPA, classes, etc.)
- Understand the Bright Futures Scholarship requirements
- If you are interested in one of the branches of the military, start to talk to recruiters --take the ASVAB Test
- Learn the service hour process and gain the appropriate approval before beginning the service activity
 - This process is specified on the Student Services Portal under the “Service” tab
 - Document community service hours and turn them in to the appropriate faculty member
- Create and update your resume
- Explore career interests with assessments on [MyCareerShines](#), classes, extracurriculars, service, and/or a job
- Continue previous extracurricular activities or join new ones; start holding leadership positions

By the End of Semester 1

- Take the PSAT in mid-October; Junior year allows you to qualify for National Merit Status
- Prepare for the SAT/ACT; [Khan Academy](#) offers free SAT preparation; [OpenEd](#) offers free ACT preparation
- Meet with college counselors who visit BDCHS and attend District College Fair events
- Reach out to colleges who do not visit BDCHS; begin planning college visits
- If interested in collegiate athletics, create a profile with NCAA Clearinghouse and/or NAIA

By the End of Semester 2

- Successfully recover any class credit missed during the first semester
- Take at least one SAT and/or ACT; Registration deadlines are usually ~5 weeks prior to the test date
- For those on Free/Reduced lunch, or a part of a government subsidy program, receive up to two fee waivers for both the SAT and ACT (up to four college app fee waivers are available if an SAT fee waiver is used)
- Register for any Summer SAT and/or ACT test dates
- Make an appointment with your school counselor to understand your academic standing in regards to graduation
- Review your transcript to ensure it is accurate
- If not already completed, request to take a full online course through FLVS
 - Complete the request by the last day of the school year; the registration process may take 2-3 weeks

By the End of Summer

- Complete summer assignments for grade 12
- Successfully recover any class credit missed during semester 2 and, if off track, any other academic requirements
- If not already accomplished, successfully complete a full online course
- Talk with your family about college options and paying for college
- Create a list of the colleges you would like to apply to, write down deadlines, research academic and application requirements, and complete applications when available
- Visit colleges you are interested in attending
- Continue studying for the SAT and/or ACT and take the test(s)
- Visit the Student Services Portal to learn about financial aid and resources for applications
- Write any college application essays – great essays take many drafts and a lot of time to complete
- Complete service hours needed for any upcoming applications (Bright Futures)

Visit the Student Services Portal (www.bdchsstudentservices.weebly.com) for tools to help with college searching, SAT/ACT preparation, college applications, financial aid, community service, and career exploration.

Visit FloridaShines (<http://bdchsstudentservices.weebly.com/floridashines.html>) for your course grade history.