

2022-2023 JUNIOR YEAR CALENDAR & CHECKLIST

September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep in mind that colleges are looking for challenging coursework, ACT scores, GPA/Class rank and how you spend your free time. : ▪ You should have as much core curriculum completed as possible before you take college admissions tests (ACT/SAT). ▪ Stop in Student Services for information on ACT preparation programs. ▪ ACT online registration is due September 16 for the October 22 test. ▪ SAT online registration is due September 20 for the October 1 test. ▪ Visit with college representatives in Student Services; listen for announcements. ▪ Student athletes intending to participate in sports in college should register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Meet with your counselor before registering. ▪ If interested in going into a military academy, schedule a time to meet with your counselor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT Test offered October 1 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ ACT offered October 22 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ Qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship Competition and National Achievement Program for Outstanding Black Students and the National Hispanic Program. Listen for announcements regarding registering for this test. ▪ Junior conference with the counselors to review plans for after high school. More information will be sent out at a later date. ▪ Practice ACT for all juniors. More information to come later ▪ National Hispanic College Fair will take place on Monday, October 3 from 9:30-12:30p at Cardinal Stritch University ▪ Visit with college representatives in Student Services; listen for announcements. ▪ WCTC Open House will take place on Thursday, October 27 from 3:00-7:00p 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT Test offered November 5 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ Pick up a copy of the <i>Introduction to the UW System</i> booklet, <i>Wisconsin's Independent Colleges & Universities</i> and/or the <i>Wisconsin Technical College System Guide</i> during your junior conference to explore educational opportunities. These booklets contact information on admissions, requirements, financial aid, scholarships and programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT Test offered December 3 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ ACT Test offered December. 10 (test not given at Hamilton) ▪ Remember to stop in Student Services and talk with our Scholarship Liaison to learn more about the scholarship process ▪ Check out the Internet for scholarship opportunities at these sites: Financial Aid www.finaid.org College Board www.collegeboard.org Fast Web www.fastweb.com US Dept. Of Ed. www.ed.gov Use these financial calculators to estimate college costs and aid eligibility:www.FAFSA4caster.gov and College Board www.collegeboard.org
January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACT online registration due January 6 for Feb. 11 test (not given at Hamilton) ▪ Identify a list of colleges you are interested in. Schedule campus visits. Go to www.campustours.com for more info on the college search process ▪ Review your transcript as you plan your senior year program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACT Test offered on February 11 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ SAT online registration due February 10 for March 11 test ▪ As registration for next year approaches, be sure to continue to challenge yourself. Check with your counselor to make sure you will have the necessary admission requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT Test offered on March 11 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ ACT Test offered on March 7. This test will be administered at Hamilton. ▪ ACT online registration due March 10 for April 15 test ▪ Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss classes for your Senior Year ▪ ASVAB (test for juniors and seniors) ▪ WCTC All Campus Open House. Stay tuned for dates ▪ WI Education Fair will be held at Waukesha North HS on Friday, March 17 from 9-11a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACT Test offered on April 15 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ SAT registration deadline is April 7 for the May 6 test

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May	June	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AP exams given nationwide ▪ ACT online registration due May 5 for June 10 test ▪ SAT registration deadline is May 4 for June 3 test ▪ SAT Test offered on May 7 (not given at Hamilton) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT Test offered June 3 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ ACT offered June 10 (not given at Hamilton) ▪ Plan college visits ▪ Student Athletes intending to play sports in college should have transcripts sent to NCAA through Parchment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read widely ✓ Save money for post high school education and/or training ✓ Schedule more campus visits ✓ If possible, get a summer job related to your career interest or do some volunteer work ✓ Watch out for scholarship scams. No one needs to pay money to get information about college scholarships or grants. ✓ Visit website of colleges you are interested in to learn their preferred application process ✓ Check out ACT/SAT I test dates if you plan to retake. .

PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

It is definitely not too early to begin to investigate options for after high school! Below are some suggestions to help you get information you need:

- Pick up a list of helpful websites for financial aid, college exploration, career planning, etc. in Student Services.
- Visit websites of the colleges you are interested in.
- Look at college catalogs (also available in Student Services).
- Meet with college representatives who visit Hamilton (watch daily announcements for up-coming college rep visits)
- Take advantage of opportunities such as career nights at WCTC, open houses at colleges/universities.
- Attend college fairs.
- Get involved in school and community activities.
- Review your transcript to be sure you are on track for graduation and for admission purposes.
- Log on to www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu for information on UW Systems schools and programs. Log on to www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org for information on private colleges and universities in Wisconsin. Log on to www.witechcolleges.org for information on the technical colleges in Wisconsin.

TESTS

If you are planning on going to a four year college or university, you must take either the **ACT or SAT I**. It is very important that you take these tests seriously and prepare appropriately. The best preparation is to take the core curriculum that helps you develop the knowledge and skills that are tested and considered to be important for success in college. It is also helpful to take advantage of test preparation programs and activities so you understand the format of the test and effective test taking strategies. The ACT and SAT are not only used in college admission, but also to determine athletic eligibility, for scholarship purposes and for programming opportunities while in college. If you are planning on attending a technical college, a different test will be administered to you once you have applied.

The PSAT, a shortened version of the SAT I, is for students who are planning on attending a college or university and is taken in the junior year. It is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Note: If you are hoping to attend a UW System University, you should apply around September 1st or soon thereafter next school year (when you are starting your senior year). Transcripts should be submitted through Parchment (information available in Student Services), an online service provider.