



# BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## JUNIOR YEAR “PREP FOR COLLEGE” TIMELINE

### Summer before Junior Year

- Make up D and F grades on your transcript.
- Set goals for your Junior year. Do you have a challenging class schedule? What activities will you continue your involvement in?
- Create a resume in Naviance Family Connection: [www.connections.naviance.com/bhhs](http://www.connections.naviance.com/bhhs). Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Junior year.
- Have fun and do something productive!

### August-September

- Focus on doing well in your classes. The Junior year is looked at very closely by colleges.
- Always read emails from the [College Center](#) and the [Counseling Department](#) throughout the college process.
- Visit the College Center and Career Center and become familiar with their resources.
- Check [Naviance](#) for upcoming college visits and sign up in Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting BHHS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Learn about recruiting guidelines. Make sure you are meeting all eligibility requirements, especially taking college prep courses at BHHS.
- Attend 11th Grade College Guidance Night at BHHS.

### October

- Attend [College Connections Fair](#) at BHHS, which includes a workshop on Financial Aid.
- Take the PSAT at BHHS.
- If you are interested in a military academy or ROTC, start gathering information now.

### November

- Review your grades and make sure you are on your way to finishing positively in all your classes.
- Take the Practice SAT or Practice ACT offered at BHHS.
- Set up a place and files for college materials. Purchase or borrow college books. Read materials to familiarize yourself with the college admission process and the vocabulary. If you need help finding appropriate college resource books, then visit the College Center.

### December

- Plan holiday visits to colleges. If you are visiting family out of town, visit a local college and walk around campus.
- Study hard for your finals, and do well!

### January-February

- Attend College Monday Workshops- Mondays @ lunch!
- Receive PSAT results, learn what they mean, and study the materials to prepare for the SAT.
- Decide if you will take the SAT or ACT and what type of preparation is right for you. Then make plans early. For a list of test prep resources, go to the College Center.
- Register for the March [SAT](#) and/or April [ACT](#).
- Log into [Naviance Family Connection](#) and familiarize yourself with its features. Using SuperMatch college search, start building your college list. This list should include at least 2-3 “definite” schools and 2-3 “target” schools and can include 2-3 “reach” schools.
- Make an appointment with the College Counselor to discuss your college options.

#### Dates in September-December

Sept 8: SAT One-Day Boot Camp  
Sept 15: Mock SAT or ACT  
Sept 29: PSAT Strategies Workshop  
Oct 4: Financial Aid Night  
Oct 10: PSAT at BHHS  
Oct 16: College Connections Fair  
Nov 3: Mock SAT or ACT  
Dec 1: Practice SAT or ACT

#### Dates in January-February

Jan 19: Practice SAT and ACT  
Jan 29: PSAT Results/College Admissions Testing Night  
Feb 9: ACT (register by Jan 11)

- Consider participating in the SAT or ACT Workshops at BHHS to prepare for the SAT or ACT.

Dates in March

Mar 9: SAT (register by Feb 8)

### March

- Take the SAT (the real thing!), if appropriate.
- Consider visiting colleges over Spring Break. It is best to see the campus when classes are in session. Go to local colleges if you cannot travel.
- Think about how you want to spend your [summer](#). Summer school for advancement? Internship? Travel? Work? Whatever you do, choose something that is of serious interest to you rather than an activity that you think will “look good” on your resume or college application.
- Register for the May or June [SAT/SAT Subjects](#), if appropriate.
- Register for the June [ACT](#), if appropriate.

Dates in April

Apr 13: ACT (register by Mar 8)  
Apr TBD: National College Fair, Pasadena

### April

- Make an appointment with the College Counselor (if you haven’t done so already) to discuss your college options. Continue learning about the colleges that interest you by visiting their websites and other useful online resources.
- Take the ACT (the real thing!), if appropriate.
- Attend the NACAC National College Fair in Pasadena.

### May

- Take the AP Exams, if appropriate.
- Take the SAT Subject exams, if needed.
- Finalize summer plans including college visits.
- Study hard for your finals!
- Narrow your college list. Consider visiting some of these colleges over the summer.
- Make an appointment with the College Counselor to discuss your college options.

Dates in May

May 4: SAT & SAT Subject Exams  
(register by Apr 5)  
May: AP Exams  
End of May-June: Final Exams  
May 20: College Admission Case Study

### June

- Take the ACT or SAT, if appropriate.
- Take the SAT Subject exams, if needed.
- Student athletes must register with NCAA Eligibility Center (if you haven’t done so already) and send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Dates in June

Jun 1: SAT & SAT Subject Exams  
(register by May 3)  
Jun 8: ACT (register by May 3)

### Summer before Senior Year

- Make up D or F grades on your transcript.
- Continue your college research. Read [guidebooks](#), visit [websites](#), talk to current students, and [visit](#) college campuses. Read about admission and application requirements.
- Organize yourself with a bin or file folder or binder. Write down all deadlines and requirements.
- Make sure you have established an application account online for **each** college on your list.
- Make a list of all essay and short answer questions for each college. Brainstorm ideas for all essays/questions.
- Review your senior year course selection and make sure it meets your colleges’ admission requirements.
- Register to take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) exams in the fall, if needed.
- Request admission or alumni interviews for schools that require it.
- Think about which teachers you would like to ask to write your recommendation letters.
- Work on the Brag Sheet for Counselors available in [Naviance Family Connection](#).
- Don’t forget to enjoy your summer!

### Other Important Notes

- [Naviance Family Connection](#) is a great resource, so please use it!
- Regularly visit the BHHS College Center website for notices and events: [www.tinyurl.com/bhhscollegecenter](http://www.tinyurl.com/bhhscollegecenter).
- Stay engaged in the college admissions process- subscribe to Ms. Rowley’s blog ([www.collegecounselorowley.com](http://www.collegecounselorowley.com)) or like the BHHS College Center on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/bhhscollegecenter](http://www.facebook.com/bhhscollegecenter)).
- Beverly Hills HS’s CEEB Code is **050-320**. You will need this for SAT & ACT registration and college applications.

- It is never too early to begin researching for [scholarships](#). For guidance, go to the College Center website or simply Google. Scholarship searches are also available through Naviance. Be wary of scholarship search or placement services that charge fees and guarantee you money. If it feels suspicious, then it probably is!