

Junior College Planning Sheet

THINGS TO DO NOW:

I. Registration

- a. Register for courses that will fulfill college entrance requirements
- b. Algebra II minimum for most 4-year colleges - recommend 4 years of math
- c. Need fine arts? Or World Language? (2 years of same language) required by most colleges
- d. UH-Manoa requires 17 college prep classes = core classes + foreign language
- e. Note: Colleges look for rigor in your coursework, through your senior year. We recommend 4 cores, 4 years for 4 year colleges.

II. College Entrance Tests: MHS Code: 120-197

- a. SAT Test: Register online at www.collegeboard.org
- b. ACT Test: Register online at www.actstudent.org
- c. Need the essay or writing portion of the test? Check with the college!
- d. SAT Subject Tests: For highly selective schools only
- e. SAT/ACT scores are not necessary for community college acceptance, but could be used for placement in classes.
- f. If you receive free/reduced lunch you can qualify for fee waivers for test fees and application fees. See C&CC for more information.

III. Create A Resume: For use when requesting letters of recommendation

- a. List of activities including leadership positions (in school & community)
- b. List of awards/honors
- c. Employment
- d. Academic info- courses, GPA

IV. Ask teacher to complete Student Evaluation Forms: For use when the counselor is asked to write a Letter of Recommendation (Not required for all schools)

- a. Student Evaluation Sheets: 2-3 needed for your file in C&CC.

V. Start thinking about who you might ask to write you a letter of recommendation: (Used for college and scholarship applications)

- a. Teachers you have connected with and who you feel know you well
- b. Counselor- can be grade level or college & career
- c. Community member- coach, pastor, internship supervisor, etc...

- VI. **Athletes-Sign up for NCAA Clearinghouse** (eligibilitycenter.org) or **NAIA** (PlayNAIA.org) if you want to play sports in college (div 1 or 2)
- a. Turn in a request for transcript request form before school is out for the summer - send sixth semester grades and fill in the proper address.

VII. **Military**

- a. If you are considering ROTC or any Military Service Academy, the process should be started now to maximize your chances of acceptance.
- b. If you are considering entering the military take the ASVAB (entrance exam)

THINGS TO DO BY AUGUST:

1. Research your college/university choices. You can go to bigfuture.org to help you search for a college that is the right "fit" for you.
2. Narrow your list
3. Work on an essay about yourself. An effective essay will give the reader insight into your thinking process rather than repeating facts. It helps to become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores and other objective data. It will demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

WHEN SCHOOL STARTS FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR:

1. Retake SAT/ACT tests if necessary
2. Complete your applications
3. Watch your deadlines! Some apps are due as early as Nov. 1!
4. All other applications should be turned in by December 1st/Winter Break.
5. Turn in all college applications and/or transcript requests to C&CC.