

Checklist for all College-Bound Juniors

	Start a file or folder – save <u>EVERYTHING</u> pertaining to college admissions
	Take the PSAT in October
	Update your Educational Development Plan using “Career Cruising” on-line at Henry Ford II’s Counseling website (http://www.macomb.k12.mi.us/utica/ford/Website/index.htm).
	Meet with at least three college representatives. The schedule of visits is available on-line at the Henry Ford II Counseling Website.
	Research colleges by going on-line to their websites. Check to make sure they have your desired program of study.
	Discuss colleges with parents, counselor, teachers, college alumni, friends enrolled at the colleges in which you’re interested.
	Sign up for courses which make up a challenging college preparatory schedule for your junior & senior year. Remember that colleges look for four years of English, four years of Math, four years of Science and four years of Social Studies on your high school transcript. It’s also recommended that you take “two” years of a Foreign Language. (Note: some colleges require at least two years of a Foreign Language for admissions.)
	Take the ACT. Given as part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam) in the spring of your junior year. The Act is required by all 4-year colleges/universities for admission.
	Take the SAT (if necessary) in the spring of your junior year. Check with the admissions office of the college you are planning on attending to inquire as to which college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) they would prefer.
	Continue your involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities.
	Visit colleges when possible in spring and summer of your junior year and fall of your senior year. Call at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements for a campus visit.
	Begin researching scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discuss family finances with your parents. b) Have parents check employers, church and organizations to which they belong. c) Read the scholarship section of the weekly student counseling notes on-line. d) Check with financial aid office at college(s) you are planning to attend e) File a FAFSA application on-line in late Jan. or early Feb. of your senior year.
	Attend College Night – usually held at Macomb County Community College in the fall. Attend Financial Aid Night – held in December or January either at Utica High School or Eisenhower High School. Attend Career Night – held in March at one of the four High Schools in Utica
	Potential college student athletes must comply with <u>NCAA Requirements</u> . See your counselor or visit ncaa.org for details.