Junior Year Timeline

**September/October**

* Study Hard! Junior grades are important on your college application and in applying for the military, technical or trade schools, or in finding a job after high school.
* Attend the Community Education PSAT/SAT Workshop.
* Register for and take the PSAT (in October).
* Attend the Mayo Clinic Career Festival at RCTC (can attend as senior)
* Visit with college representatives in the Career Center.  Sign up in advance with Diane Welch (ongoing).
* Schedule College visits during teachers’ workshop in October.
* Investigate schools that meet your needs. Consider field of study, quality of education, cost and location.
* Talk to students who have attended the schools interested in.
* Research reading lists for college bound students.
* Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

**November/December**

* Develop a senior academic plan
* Compose a list of potential post secondary options with counselor
* Review course work to see if it meets college/career/NCAA requirements.
* Ask your counselor when to take the ACT.
* Review PSAT results for strengths and weaknesses. Develop an improvement plan.
* Research careers that appeal to you.
* Shadow people in these positions to see what it’s really like.
* What classes are helpful for specific college majors and/or careers? For example, do I need physics for nursing or pre-med? Would chemistry be helpful for environmental science?
* Visit our representative, Sarah Kling-Punt, from RCTC for questions about college.

**January**

* Register for your senior year classes carefully based on requirements for graduation and personal goals.
* Registration materials handed out.
* Study for ACT

**February/March**

* Consider a service-learning project.
* Review admission criteria and program offerings (MCIS)
* Register for AP exams

**April**

* Continue to research occupations and/or colleges based on interests and abilities.
* Contact colleges, technical programs, or other schools of interest to schedule a visit. A visit during Dover-Eyota’s spring break will allow you to see the campus in action. Summer is another option.
* Consider summer school if you need to repeat required courses.
* Attend college tour to……..with Mr. McRae
* **Take the ACT at DEHS – TBD**
* **Attend college/career fair at DEHS - TBD**

**May**

* Take Advanced Placement exams
* Consider summer volunteer work.
* Apply for a summer job
* Set up a savings plan for summer earnings.
* Are you planning to work during the summer before your senior year of high school? Set up a plan, determining the portion of your earnings you'll save to reduce the amount you may have to borrow for college expenses.
* If thinking college athletics, get cleared by the NCAA by submitting on-line at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

**June/July/August**

* Consider re-taking the ACT.
* Visit colleges.
* Participate in summer enrichment opportunities
* Complete community volunteer work.
* Read, Read, Read!
* Boost resume (volunteer, work, job shadow, etc.).