

Checklist for College Planning

JUNIORS:

Start to plan future goals.

Attend JECHS' "College Night" for information on how to get to college.

Check out colleges by looking through brochures, writing for information, attending College Nights, visiting college campuses (JECHS' College Trip to take place in early Spring) and talking to college representatives (JECHS' hosts several college counselor visits in September and October).

Take the PSAT exam in October. Review results. Sign up for "My College Quick Start."

Take SAT and ACT exams in the spring. (SATs are required for all colleges, SAT Subject Test is required for all UCs)

Keep in mind that the colleges look for:

- Challenging coursework
- a strong GPA
- involvement in extra curricular activities, church & community service
- strong scores on SAT or ACT exams

SENIORS:

Narrow your list of college choices to 3 - 6 schools. **Meet with your counselor to share your plans!**

Update your High School Activity Record (see downloads for sample).

Apply to colleges in the fall. Apply to CSU's by October 31st and UC's by November 30th. Check out individual deadlines for private universities!

Take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT exams no later than December.

(Jim Elliot Christian High School Code: 051444). Have your scores sent to the colleges you are applying to.

Complete the FAFSA (financial aid application) in January (final deadline March 2nd)

Attend JECHS' "Cash for College Night" for assistance.

Request a transcript from the office and letters of recommendation from your teachers, giving at least a week's notice.

Check the counselor's office for scholarship information and applications. Also, contact individual colleges for financial aid packets and scholarships.

Pay close attention to the monthly College and Scholarship Newsletter, which will be emailed out at the end of each month (see downloads).