Greater Cleveland

Junior Checklist

August/September

- Meet with your guidance counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Join a club at school, if you have not already done so.
- □ Get a job, volunteer, or join a club in the community.
- □ Start developing a resume.

October/November

□ Take the PSAT in school.

 \Box Attend a college fair.

 \Box Register to take the ACT or SAT (or both!).

December

- Look into scholarships that you may be eligible for (now or next year).
- Identify what is important to you when looking for colleges.

□ Take the ACT or SAT.

January/February

- Begin studying for the in-school ACT or SAT.
- 🗆 Go on a college visit.
- Ask your counselor about summer opportunities on college campuses.
- Participate in impact!. (College Now after school program)

March/April

- Meet with your College Now advisor to begin searching for colleges and careers you may be interested in.
- □ Take the in-school ACT or SAT.
- Make a list of teachers and/or community leaders you may want to ask for a letter of recommendation.
- \Box Go on a college visit.

May-July

- Develop a list of up to ten colleges you may be interested in applying to next year.
- Identify and apply for summer internships or jobs.

 \Box Register to take the ACT or SAT.

- Develop a draft personal statement, that can be used on college and/or scholarship applications.
- □ Attend an Entrance Exam Prep Boot Camp (offered by College Now)

Use these websites to begin exploring colleges and careers and to begin studying for the SAT or ACT.

CollegeBoard: www.collegeboard.org

College Scorecard: collegescorecard.ed.gov

OhioMeansJobs: <u>www.ohiomeansjobs.com</u>

O*NET: <u>www.onetonline.org</u>

Khan Academy (free SAT prep): <u>www.khanacademy.org</u> ACT: <u>www.act.org</u>

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