**Junior Year**

* Keep meeting with your college/career counselor at least once a year
* Continue to take and [plan challenging courses](http://www.actstudent.org/college/plancourses.html)
* Keep your grades up
* Join an academic club
* [Register for the ACT](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/index.html). You should be academically ready to take it by spring. If not, take it early in your senior year.
* Read our [key information about the ACT test](http://www.actstudent.org/college/tests.html)
* Talk with your parents and high school counselor about colleges that interest you
* Prepare a [list of questions to ask on campus visits](http://www.actstudent.org/college/visit.html)
* Continue to visit colleges and talk with college students
* [List, compare, and visit colleges](http://www.actstudent.org/college/compare.html)
* Start or update an academic resume
* Consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills and talents
* Keep filling out the [college comparison worksheet](http://www.actstudent.org/college/pdf/comparison.pdf) *(PDF; 1 page, 64KB)*; for assistance with PDF files, see these [tips](http://www.actstudent.org/pdf.html)
* Investigate scholarship opportunities
* Volunteer for activities and clubs related to career interests
* Get a part-time job, [apprenticeship](http://www.actstudent.org/career/apprent.html), or internship; or job shadow in a profession that interests you