

## ***Hello Class of 2021 and Families,***

Normally, counselors would be visiting you in classrooms to help you prepare for your senior year. So many changes have happened this year; and, we want you to be prepared for both your senior year and for what you plan to accomplish after graduation. We are asking that you start by [watching this video](#), read through this email and the attachments, and [take this junior survey](#).

High school students usually choose one of four paths: ***Four-year College, Two-year or Technical College, Apprenticeship/Career or the Military.***

We have created these **four checklists** to help you know what you should be doing now to help you begin senior year confident and prepared. Each underlined word is a hyperlink directing you to helpful resources with further information.

If you are unsure of your path, we encourage you to plan as if you are going to a four-year school. Four year schools have the most requirements. It is easier to change from a four-year pathway to another pathway than it is to go from a different pathway to a four year.

Use this summer to start gathering information needed when you begin working on college applications.

**Did you know that application deadlines are as early as November 1?** That means you will need to complete an application, write an essay and have letters of recommendation ready to go just two months after returning to school in the fall!

We hope you will use these checklists and their resources to start planning now. We also have included 2019-2020 Washington State public and private university deadlines to give you an idea of what your fall could look like. The one major change next year is that many schools have gone test optional, but it is a good idea to take the SAT or ACT to keep your options open, plus scholarships may still require them.

To help us serve you better in the fall we ask you please fill out this junior survey: <https://is.gd/gpjrsurvey>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your College and Career Specialist or your School Counselor.

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Attachments:

[Apprenticeship Junior Spring Checklist](#)

[Four Year Plan Junior Spring Checklist](#)

[Military Junior Spring Checklist](#)

[Two Year/Technical School Junior Checklist](#)

[Washington State Public and Private Four Year Admission Fees and Deadlines for Fall 2020](#)

[Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#)

[Junior/Senior Student Workbook](#)