

Spooner High School

GET INTO PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Junior Year

- Meet with your counselor:
 - ✓ Check **CREDITS** for graduation. (Need 26)
 - ✓ Obtain information on colleges or other training programs and careers.
 - ✓ Use resources available in **Career Center**.
 - ✓ Make use of **CAREER ASSESSMENTS**
- Attend **SPRING COLLEGE FAIR** – talk with admission offices.
- **WISCAREERS**, websites, etc.
- Take **ACT or SAT** (not necessary for community or tech colleges).
- Begin application process for ROTC or military service academies.
- **VISIT COLLEGES** (See “Visiting Campuses” page).

Senior Year

September – October

- Meet with **YOUR COUNSELOR** – continue your post high school planning process.
- Obtain **applications** and information from colleges (on-line, Career Center, college fair, call or send for materials).
- Check out **DEADLINES** for applications. Especially early decisions. (Some as early as Oct. 1st).
- Meet with **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** in the Career Center.
- **VISIT COLLEGES** (See “Visiting Colleges” page).
- Attend National **COLLEGE FAIR**.
- **RETAKE** ACT or SAT if necessary.
- You may **APPLY** to colleges as **EARLY** as September.
- Obtain **teacher recommendations** (See “Request for Teacher Recommendation” document).
- Take **ASVAB** if you are considering the military. See your Counselor.

November – December

- Continue research on colleges.
- Submit college applications (Applications in by Thanksgiving if possible, by Dec. 15th for sure).
- Research **SCHOLARSHIPS** (See Counseling Office Website, fastweb.com, colleges)
- Revisit college campuses if undecided.

January – February

- Attend **FINANCIAL AID** workshop
- Fill out **FAFSA** for financial aid after tax forms are completed (earlier, the better).
- Continue scholarship search.
- Apply for scholarships.

March – April

- Reapply to a college if necessary.
- Financial aid notices sent from colleges.
- Notify colleges you will not attend.
- Do housing contract.
- Apply for **RECIPROCITY** if attending colleges in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota.