

# Junior Spring Checklist

**Classwork** – Study hard! These are the last grades you'll get before applying to college in the fall!

## ACT/SAT

- Look for emails.** Both the May [SAT](#) and April [ACT](#) are cancelled. ACT will email April registrants directly about registering for a free test in June (or later) or getting a refund.
- Take practice tests** to help prepare and determine the test type that you prefer. Remember, you may opt to focus on only one test. Applerouth offers free [online practice tests](#).

## AP Exams

- STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!** Scores of 4, 5 and sometimes 3 can yield big cost savings by allowing you to gain credit for college courses. Look at your college's specific AP score credit info.
- This year College Board is allowing [streamlined, at-home AP tests!](#) (click link for details!)

## College Prep

- Create a list of 5-10 colleges.** If any email you, reply! "Demonstrated interest" is often an admissions factor.
- Research.** Check Freshman Profiles for schools on your list. How do you compare? What's important to you? Think: size, location, diversity, academics, FINANCIALS. Consider: [Gwinnett Tech](#), [GSU](#), [KSU](#), [West GA](#), [GA Southwestern](#), [GA Gwinnett](#), [GA Tech](#), [UGA](#), [Augusta](#) (They have a 7yr undergrad/med program!)
- Run NPCs** (Net Price Calculator) to estimate costs at each school. Google "{college}" + "net price calculator".
- Look at Majors.** What do you enjoy? What do you learn/read about on your own? What classes do you like?
- List Accomplishments.** Record your activities, awards, leadership, and jobs. The most important/ impactful items go first! Use this list for college/ scholarship applications AND give it to your recommendation writers.
- College Essay.** Start jotting down ideas. Prompts (application question topics) come out in the summer.
- Recommendations.** Think of 2 teachers to ask. Who knows you best and will write positive things about you?
- Applications.** College websites have their own and possibly a link to either [Common App](#) or [Coalition App](#). Keep track of the type of application accepted and deadlines for each college on your list.
- Virtually visit now; physically visit later.** Check out [Campus Reel](#) for a *real* look at student life on campuses.
- Read about [HOPE/Zell Miller](#).** These scholarships may cover all or part of GA tuition. Total college costs involve more than just tuition – housing, meals, mandatory fees, books, etc. [Learn how your HOPE GPA is calculated.](#)
- Social Media-** Follow official accounts or blogs for schools on your list and [perfect your own social media.](#)
- Make a summer plan** to prep for ACT/SATs and begin applications. Prepare to apply early – most merit scholarships are offered to the Early Admission applicants.
- EVERYBODY is in the same boat!** Colleges will adjust Class of 2021 expectations. Besides schoolwork, use this time creatively – learn, explore, assist. Colleges may ask you how you spent this time for one of their prompts!

## Undecided about plans after high school?

- Take a career test.** If you answer honestly, it might give you some insight into possible career paths. [Holland Code Test](#), [O\\*Net Interest Profiler](#), [You Science](#). You can also check out the [Georgia Career Information Center](#).
- Check out [Gwinnett Tech](#)'** s programs to prepare for good jobs in 2 years *or less*. A campus is near Avalon!
- [Hope Grant](#)** will cover about 75% of tuition for GA students in a 2 year technical programs, like Gwinnett Tech. Fees excluded. NO HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT. Once enrolled, must maintain 2.0 GPA. Eg- semester (15 hours) at Gwinnett Tech costs \$778 with the Hope Grant. (Regular cost \$1918.)
- [Hope Career Grant-](#)** HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in [select majors](#) get 100% FREE TUITION!
- Apprenticeship opportunities** - learning a skill while working! Opportunities posted on [our website](#).
- Want Information Technology jobs?** [YearUp](#) and [PerScholas](#) offer free IT training to underrepresented groups.
- Military** - [Roswell Army Recruiting](#) office. Learn about other branches, too on [our website](#).

**Summer-** Be productive! Jobs, classes, internships, volunteer, job shadow, summer program, etc.