







CHECKLIST for COLLEGE-BOUND JUNIORS



	Start a file or folder – save EVERYTHING pertaining to college admissions. All colleges are different. Compare entrance requirements, cost, size, unique programs, facilities, and your intended field of study, athletics and extracurricular activities.
	Take the PSAT (<i>Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test</i>) Sign up @ registration. Test in October.
	Update your Career Cluster Finder using Naviance. (Search out careers, colleges and scholarship/financial aid information on this tool.)
	Meet with <u>up to three</u> college representatives at Utica High. Most are virtual evening college visits. Register online at https://student.naviance.com/uticahs , using your computer login as your email/password. Click on the College tab. View upcoming College Visits and “sign up” for <i>no more than three college presentations</i> .
	Research colleges by going online to their websites or using your Naviance account at https://student.naviance.com/uticahs (using your computer login as your username/password). Check to make sure they have your desired program of study.
	Discuss colleges with parents, counselors, teachers, college alumni and friends currently enrolled.
	Sign up for courses which make up a challenging college preparatory schedule for your junior and senior year. Remember that colleges look for 4 years of English, Math, Science <u>AND</u> Social Studies on your transcript, plus two years of a World Language. College’s base admission decisions on your freshman, sophomore and junior year curriculum and grades, but your senior year schedule is also evaluated.
	Prepare and take the SAT for free in April at school. Use the FREE “Prep Me” Resource in your Naviance account to prepare. <i>Consider taking it early so you can better prepare for the Spring exam.</i> The ACT or SAT is required by all 4-year colleges/universities for admission. For 20/21 check to see if the college is waiving this requirement.
	Consider taking the SAT/ACT more than once in your junior year. Check with the admissions office of the college you plan to attend to inquire which college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) they would prefer and which is preferred for scholarship opportunities. SAT/ACT dates/deadlines can be found at Utica High’s Counseling website.
	Continue your involvement in volunteer and extracurricular activities. 
	Visit colleges when possible during your vacation or go visit older siblings or relatives currently attending a college/university. Call at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements for a campus visit. Ask if you can sit in on a class. *Many colleges are offering virtual college tours.
	Begin researching scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out the Scholarship section (in the college tab) or your Naviance account. Discuss family finances with your parents. Have parents check employers, church and organizations to which they belong. Check with the financial aid office at college(s) you are planning to attend. File a FAFSA application online beginning in October of your senior year. Books, computer software, etc. are available at the local library. 
	Attend College Fairs – check for virtual fairs – various locations.
	Talk with your junior teachers about letters of recommendation. They know you best! Give them 3-4 weeks’ notice. Make sure to thank them.
	Potential college student athletes must comply with NCAA Requirements . See your coach then counselor and visit www.ncaa.org for details.

Register for the SAT®

Register Online at <https://sat.collegeboard.org>



The quickest and easiest way to register!

Choose your test date and test center in real time; get immediate registration confirmation; 24-hour access to registration for printing or correcting your Admission Ticket

You must provide a photo with your registration, which will become part of your Admission Ticket. By providing your photograph, you help us to ensure the integrity of the test administration for all students. [Learn more about how we may use your photo.](#)

Note: You are responsible for ensuring your photo meets the requirements below. Successful upload of your photo only indicates that it meets the technical requirements (correct file type and size). It **does not** indicate that your photo is acceptable for test day (e.g., recognizable as you, no sunglasses, no other people, etc.)

Photos must be properly focused with a full-face view, be clearly identifiable as you, and match your appearance on test day. You will have the opportunity to crop and reposition your photo after uploading it. **If you are not easily recognizable in your photo, you will not be admitted to the test center.**

Register by Mail

Certain situations require that you register by mail. You should use mail registration if you:

- Paying by check or money order (payable to "The College Board")
- [Registering for Sunday](#) testing for the first time due to a religious observance
- [Requesting that we open a test center nearer to your home](#)
- Unable to upload a digital photo of yourself as part of the online registration process.

To register by mail, you'll need an *SAT Paper Registration Guide*, which is available at your school counselor's office. A registration form and return envelope are included with the *SAT Paper Registration Guide*. When completing the application, you may need a College Board code number for college majors, college and scholarship programs, test centers, high schools or countries. To find these numbers, use our [Code Search](#) tool or the code list in your counselor's office. The SAT is offered seven times each year in the U.S. and six times internationally.

School Year Ending 2020 (2019-2020)

This year's test dates, normal registration deadlines, late registration deadlines, and score availability are posted below. *The test dates below are confirmed officially by the College Board.*

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Multiple-Choice Scores Available	Essay Scores Available	Scores Sent to Colleges
Nov. 2, 2019	Oct. 3, 2019	Oct. 22, 2019	Nov. 15, 2019	Nov. 18–20, 2019	No later than Nov. 30, 2019
Dec. 7, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019	Nov. 26, 2019	Dec. 20, 2019	Dec 23–25, 2019	No later than January 4, 2020
Mar. 14, 2020	Feb. 14, 2019	March 3, 2020	March 26, 2020	Mar. 30–Apr. 1, 2020	No later than April 11, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020	May 15, 2020	May 18–20, 2020	No later than May 30, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020	July 15, 2020	July 15–17, 2020	No later than July 27, 2020



How do you sign up for the ACT? YES, you can still take it.

Online registration is the fastest method. You will know immediately if your preferred test center has space for you to test and can print your admission ticket. How you sign up depends on where and how you plan to test: please see below for how to register.

Reminder: You need to **register by mail** only if you are **younger than 13** or cannot pay by credit card.

- If you plan to test at a [national or international test center](#), sign up online by creating or logging in to your www.actstudent.org/
- If you are requesting [extended time](#) or [other accommodations](#) for the first time, sign up online by creating or logging in to your [student Web account](#) or [register by mail](#) in **addition to** completing the application request and submitting required documentation.
- If you missed the late registration deadline, you may [request standby testing](#) by creating a Web account and completing a downloadable request form.
- If you are [homebound or confined](#), cannot find a test center within 50 miles of your home (U.S. and Canada) or in your country (other locations), or you need a [Non-Saturday test center](#) and one is not established within 50 miles of your home (or in your country if outside the U.S. or Canada), on **all test dates**, check the requirements for [Arranged Testing](#)
- **Uploaded Photo requirements:** Your photo must be a clear image of you (not blurry, grainy, or fuzzy) against a plain, light-colored background. The photo must be a head and shoulders shot of you—and only you. If your photo shows more than your head and shoulders, it will be rejected. You must use a portrait, not landscape, photo that is correctly oriented. You must be facing the camera. You cannot wear dark glasses. If you wear a head covering daily for religious reasons, adjust it to provide a full-face view.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020