

## **JUNIOR NEWS**

### **STUDENT TIMELINE - JUNIOR YEAR**

1. Ask yourself what you want to do after high school—college, junior college, trade school, military, or workforce?
2. Continue to take challenging core classes.
3. Do your best in school—remember that EVERY grade counts!
4. Continue to develop strong study skills.
5. Stay involved in school and community activities.
6. Take the college entrance exams (ACT and SAT). Review your PLAN and PSAT scores to determine testing weaknesses.
7. Continue to research colleges and their requirements, and begin to compile a college list.
8. Begin to visit colleges—many colleges have Junior Visitation Days in the spring.
9. Look into doing a job shadowing or internship—see the Work-Based Learning Coordinator.
10. Start working on your résumé. There is a template on the KUDER website ( [sc.kuder.com](http://sc.kuder.com)).

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## **Tips for Taking the SAT**

### **Admission tickets**

If your admission ticket doesn't arrive by Wednesday of the week that you are scheduled to take the SAT, call the College Board ATP at 609/771-7600. The hours to call are from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. They will notify the center for which you registered to add your name to the list.

### **Missing the test**

If for some reason you miss the test on Saturday, you will be able to get a portion of the fee you paid if you request it. Sign the back of your admission ticket and return it to the College Board ATP, CN 6200, Princeton, N.J. 0854171-6200, Attn. Candidate Refunds. You will be refunded \$3.00.

### **School Code**

Go to your school guidance consular to get the code number.

## **Test Day**

Be at your center no later than 8:30 a.m. The test will end at approximately 12:30 p.m. Be sure to take your admission ticket, some identification such as a driver's license or a photo ID card, two #2 pencils, and an eraser. If you do not have an ID, a brief physical description of you on school stationary signed by you in the presence of your principal or counselor will do. You might want to take a sweater or jacket in case the room is cool.

## **Tips**

1. Plan your time carefully. Spending too much time on the question can be detrimental as a wrong answer.
2. Answer the questions you know first. Then if you have time, return to the unanswered questions.
3. There is only one right answer. If you identify it, don't waste time working through the other possibilities.
4. Pay particular attention to words such as "but", "not", "however", and "therefore". They are often key words that signal major thoughts.
5. Memorize basic math formulas, such as  $\text{Area} = \text{Length} \times \text{Width}$  for the area of a rectangle.
6. Don't panic when you find you can't answer a particular question. Even if you get only half the questions correct, you're still doing above average.
7. Get good nights sleep before the test.
8. Bring a watch to the test. It is important to be aware of the time allotted for each section. When practicing the test, time yourself with the watch.
9. Be aware at all times of the number of the item on the answer sheet.

Remember that all test items have the same value. You receive the same number of points for the easy answers as you do for the hard ones.