

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING: OCTOBER 2020, FOR JUNIORS

Brookline High School

[HTTP://BHS.BROOKLINE.K12.MA.US/GUIDANCE](http://BHS.BROOKLINE.K12.MA.US/GUIDANCE)

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

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Test Date: Saturday, October 17th from 7:45 am- 12:15 pm.

www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/220445

Registration Ends: Monday, Oct 12, 2020 at 11:59 PM

TEST-OPTIONAL

More and more colleges are becoming test-optional for the next year and beyond.

For the complete list, go to fairtest.org

- Some majors still require SAT/ACT, so please check college websites
- def test optional v. test blind

<u>College</u>	<u>Apply</u>	<u>Accept</u>	<u>Attend</u>
UMass Amherst	274	168	39
Boston University	139	56	18
University of Vermont	89	54	5
UMass Boston	89	47	17
Northeastern University	161	45	21
New York University	85	30	6
UMass Lowell	56	30	6
Brandeis University	63	22	10
George Washington University	64	21	5
American University	47	20	4
Tufts University	84	13	12
Boston College	55	12	4

COLLEGES WILL USE
HOLISTIC &
CONTEXTUAL REVIEW
THIS YEAR

COMMON APPLICATION ([HTTP://WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG](http://www.commonapp.org))

New 250 word essay topic: “Community disruptions such as Covid-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.”

ACTIVITIES SECTION, MESSAGE FROM ADMISSIONS

Admissions people are living it as well. We are in it together. We understand that most of your activities were suspended.

RESEARCHING COLLEGES REMOTELY

COVID-19 has caused campuses to cancel classes, tours and admitted students days. However, there are a lot of online resources available to learn as much as you can in the meantime.

What you can do now from home:

- Sign up for college newsletters and updates
- Open every email from the colleges you are interested in and click on the links
- Reach out to your admissions officers to establish contact and get any questions you have answered
- Attend Upcoming Virtual College Admission Events including tours and information sessions - [Click on this google doc to view a growing list of colleges](#) who have moved their tours and/or information sessions online in the coming weeks.
- Attend NACAC Virtual College Fairs

DEFERRALS

From Brown Univ counselor update 10/2/20 - "Impact of Gap Years on the Class of 2025"

We know that there has been concern over whether increased gap year requests from the Class of 2024 due to the pandemic will impact college admission prospects for the Class of 2025. Though we did grant approximately 40 gap year requests beyond our historic mean, we plan to expand the size of the Class of 2025 accordingly. Students should know that the overall probability of admission has not changed despite how different the admission process may look this year.

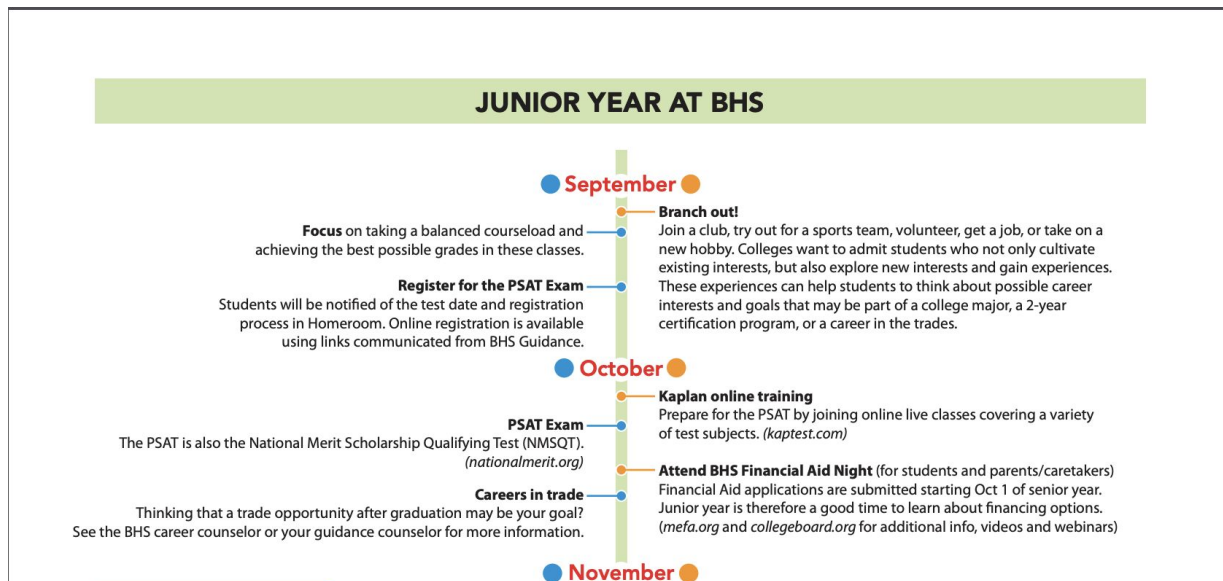
DIFFERENT TIMELINES...

DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF
SUCCESS...

WE WILL HELP YOU FIND THE
RIGHT FIT!!!!

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE

<http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/uploads/8/0/1/5/801512/bhs-roadmap-junioryear-2.pdf>



DECEMBER

- Use PSAT results or grades to begin thinking about the range of colleges
- Talk with graduates who are home from college
- Meet with your counselor to discuss PSAT and plan on which test to take (or go test-optional)
- Attend Junior Assembly w/ Lenny

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Attend Junior Seminars
- Begin college process with your counselor
- Use Naviance for college search
- Attend Gap Year Fair (Jan)
- Attend Junior Parent Night (Feb)
- Research interesting summer courses, jobs (Kate Kennedy), or activities

MARCH & APRIL

- Attend Junior Guidance Seminars (MCAS week)
- Attend BHS College Fair
- Schedule a college meeting with your counselor
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges
- Begin [virtual?] college visits
- Post-BHS Options for Students with Disabilities: Early April

MAY

- Begin to identify teachers whom you may ask for recommendations
- Explore Early Decision / Early Action options
- AP exams if appropriate
- SAT & ACT [if available]

JUNE & SUMMER

- Continue college search
- Review scores & plan if you need to take tests again in the Fall
- SAT/ ACT [if available]
- Continue extracurricular and community service activities
- Earn money for college
- Start thinking about college essays
- Consider filling out Common App



“Please be private about your scores, GPAs, and the colleges you are eligible for...College Process is an independent, personal journey and not a peer-judged contest!” (BHS Parent)