

## Junior—To Do List

### Fall

To Do	How to Do
Attend school consistently	Create a routine; go to bed and wake up early; engage in classes; Guardian must call Attendance office to clear absences within 3 days
Review graduation requirements/diploma options	Standard, Advanced, Honors diplomas; seek help from your counselor at lunch or after school; sign up on the clipboard for a pass to be sent to you in class
Be aware of AP and Dual Credit options to earn college credit	AP Coordinator is available at 334-7160; See the bookkeeper to pay fees (waivers may be available) <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html">www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html</a> TMCC Jumpstart <a href="http://www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program">www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program</a>
Review Nevada's Millennium Scholarship	<a href="https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/">https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/</a> Maintain/Improve your grade point average (GPA)
Review NCAA requirements	Reach out to our Athletic Director for more info at 334-7130. Visit the NCAA Eligibility Center at <a href="https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future">https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future</a> to make sure you are on track with requirements. Meet with your counselor to make sure you have a plan to earn all 16 Core credits.
Utilize the College & Career Center	Reach out to Mr. Cabada at 334-7112 for information on local businesses hiring, info on college admissions, scholarships, and campus visitors; Attend WACAC College Fair virtually on Oct. 21 by visiting: <a href="http://www.washoeschools.net/Page/15993">www.washoeschools.net/Page/15993</a> and scrolling to WACAC College Fair Recordings; check out <a href="http://www.gotocollegenevada.org">www.gotocollegenevada.org</a> ; Explore Career Options by visiting <a href="http://www.nvcis.intocareers.org">www.nvcis.intocareers.org</a> Username: Damonte Password: Damonte
Research potential colleges	Explore websites; Email admissions offices; Meet with your counselor and develop a list of schools for which you are interested in applying.
Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Exam (ASVAB)	See Military Science instructors for more information. Sign up for the exam in the College & Career Center. This vocational aptitude exam is open to <b>all students</b> .
Prepare for the ACT	DRHS will host a 3-day (20 hour) ACT Prep Camp on Oct. 15-17. For details go to <a href="http://www.TutorsAccrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse">www.TutorsAccrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse</a> or call 702-818-5444. Use coupon code: GOMUSTANGS for a discounted rate.
Counselors recommend that Juniors take the PSAT, Oct 13	Sign up for the exam by Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> by paying your \$18 to Ms. Lewis in the Bookkeeping office; Study the Practice booklet, get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before the exam; The PSAT is a qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship. Colleges use these scores to recruit students.
Keep up your school and community engagement	See your counselor about DRHS Clubs on campus; Participate in Athletics; Parents can get involved by joining our Boosters at <a href="mailto:booster@damonteranchhs.com">booster@damonteranchhs.com</a> Check out volunteering opportunities at <a href="https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/678">https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/678</a>
Attend College/Career/Military representative presentations	Listen to Daily Announcements for information on campus visitors; visit <a href="http://www.washoeschools.net/drhs">www.washoeschools.net/drhs</a> for a list of the Daily Announcements; Update contact information with Registrar to receive emails/Connect Ed messages

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Review 10 <sup>th</sup> grade PSAT with your counselor	Watch for score/results notifications in January; <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores</a>
Prepare for the SAT/ACT	Review materials are available in the College & Career Center, bookstores, online and in community libraries. Consider an SAT/ACT Prep Course. Sign up for the Sample Question of the Day at <a href="http://apps.collegeboard.com/gotd/question.do">http://apps.collegeboard.com/gotd/question.do</a>
Meet with our counselor to review graduation plan	Discuss course selections and request classes. Parents and students should review course guide at <a href="http://www.washoeschools.net/drhs">www.washoeschools.net/drhs</a> ; Choose classes for senior year; Consider taking AP/Honors/ Dual credit classes; Talk to your counselor about the differences and your plans after graduation.
Evaluate and narrow college/tech school choices	Select your Top 5 choices; Arrange a campus visit for your top choices; Schedule visits in person or virtually to get a feel for the school and learn about life on campus.
Apply for military science scholarships	Talk with Military Science instructors; Make appointments with local military branch recruiters to learn about how to enlist.
Appl for military academy admissions	Contact your Senators and/or Congressional Representatives regarding a nomination.
Take Advanced Placement exams	Talk with teacher about preparation; Check the class syllabus for dates and deadlines; Contact your counselor for AP fee waiver assistance. <a href="https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-overview/practice-for-exams">https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-overview/practice-for-exams</a>
Contact your top college/ tech school choices	Confirm college/ tech school visits for the summer; Schedule time with the Financial Aid Center to discuss options for funding your college experience.
Maintain passing grades	Reach out to teacher for additional support options; Attend tutoring support at DRHS; Discuss alternative tutoring options with your counselor; Discuss options for recovering missing credit (Edgenuity, Summer School, WCSD Extended Studies, BYU Independent Study, Job Experience)
Look into getting a job	Check job Board for summer employment opportunities; Check in with Mr. Cabada in the College & Career Center for local businesses hiring.
Create a brag sheet for requested Letters of Recommendation	This will be given to teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators when requesting a recommendation letter. Staff will want to know all the great things you have done throughout your high school career when writing on your behalf. <a href="https://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/building-your-brag-sheet">https://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/building-your-brag-sheet</a>
Create draft of College Essay	Research your Top 5 colleges and see what they require for “personal insight questions” or college essay questions. See your counselor for information about potential ideas or suggestions. Some ideas include <b>leadership skills, creativity, problem solving skills, developed talents, educational opportunities, overcoming barriers or challenges, subjects that inspire you, volunteer/advocacy work, and what makes you stand out as a candidate.</b> <a href="https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/college-essay">https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/college-essay</a>

