



# SUMMER CHECKLIST

## Specifically, you should:

- ✓ Own this responsibility and this experience; be positive, proactive, and empowered!
- ✓ Review your transcript when it is mailed to your home in August. This is what will go to the colleges you apply to.
- ✓ If you have not already done so, complete and submit the SENIOR AUTOBIOGRAPHY and ask your parent/guardian to complete the BRAG LETTER (Located in SCOIR under "Surveys.")
- ✓ If you have not done so already, ask an academic teacher(s) if he/she would write a positive recommendation for you. Follow up with a thank you note/email.
- ✓ Visit colleges virtually and in person! Continue to research information about colleges from several sources. There is a wealth of information on college websites.
- ✓ Review the John Jay High "School Step-by-Step Guide" for the Class of 2024. (This guide can be found on the Counseling Center's web page.)
- ✓ Become familiar with the Common Application (<https://www.commonapp.org/>). This is available August 1<sup>st</sup>. We recommend that you work on this application over the summer.
- ✓ **DO NOT complete the FERPA or Recommenders sections of both the Common Application and on your SCOIR account until you meet with your counselor in September.**
- ✓ Continue to work on your Common Application essay. (Refer to the essay writing guidelines in the Step-by-Step Guide).
- ✓ If pursuing a major that requires a portfolio (art, music, theatre, design, dance, etc...): Artists should use this time to identify requirements and prepare any required portfolios. **Be mindful of deadlines as they all differ.**
- ✓ If applicable, continue to prepare for the SAT and/or ACT. Check the dates for tests and registration deadlines. Summer test dates are currently available, (but not at John Jay HS). To register for the SAT, go to <http://www.collegeboard.com> To register for the ACT go to <https://www.act.org/content/act/en.html>.
- ✓ If you are planning to apply Early Decision and/or Early Action, make an appointment to meet with your counselor as soon as you return to school in September. Be aware of all deadlines.
- ✓ Transcripts: Finalized transcripts will not be ready until mid-September. Please do not request transcripts until that time.
- ✓ Consider creating a resume to reflect the depth and breadth of your extracurricular activities.
- ✓ If pursuing college level athletics (DI or DII) create an account with the NCAA Eligibility Center (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>)
- ✓ Continue to update your college list in SCOIR.
- ✓ Check your school email regularly.

**You can do this!**