

Stafford Soccer - College Planning Guide

Preparation for College



11th Grade:

1. Continue to attend Stafford Soccer College Night
2. Seriously research exactly what you are looking for in a college. Think about: location, student body, academic requirements, size, academic structure, workable majors, campus life & cost.
3. Take the PSAT. Your junior year score may qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship Competition and the National Achievement and the National Hispanic Scholars Program.
4. Visit the Career Center in your high school for assistance with SAT/ACT registration and test preparation, college reference materials (i.e., virtual tours, catalogs, applications, etc.), career resource catalogs and books, financial aid and scholarship reference materials and offerings, summer enrichment programs, and local student job opportunities
5. Take the SAT's twice if possible. Take the SAT II subject tests at the end of your junior year if the college you are considering requires an SAT II. Speak with your guidance counselor if you have questions about scheduling the SAT tests.
6. Register with [NCAA Clearing House](#) at end of Junior year.
7. Continue to participate in a volunteer/service activities.
8. Visit with college representatives at your respective High School and attend local college fairs.
9. Narrow your college choices to about five or six.
10. Attend camp(s) of your top choices if possible
11. Continue writing and updating the college coaches on your list.
12. Continue to excel in class – Junior year GPA and class rank are critical
13. Send transcript with Senior class schedule and updated SAT score to colleges at end of Junior year.
14. Make unofficial visits to your top colleges or attend "Junior Day" events – meet with coaches, admissions, financial aid, etc.
15. Prepare a student resume. Include academic, athletic, club, and community service awards.
16. If you are interested in a military academy or ROTC scholarship, begin the application process.