



High School Junior Year Checklist for Mentors

September & October

- Go over the **High School Junior Year Checklist for Scholars** with your Scholar and discuss any questions or concerns they may have. If they raise questions you can't answer, feel free to reach out to our Program Coordinator, Kelsie Qua, at mentors@518elevated.org or 518-935-1046.
- Discuss the importance of extracurricular activities with your scholar. Look into opportunities to engage in volunteering or community service together. Help them explore their interests and brainstorm ways to explore them further.

November & December

- Plan college visits together, if possible. Include a small, medium, and large campus.
- Help your Scholar research colleges & universities online & go to college fairs and open houses.

January & February

- Help your Scholar develop a resume recording their accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experience. Explain how this will help them with their college applications.
- Explore different career options with your Scholar. You can use the Occupational Outlook Handbook as a resource to explain different possibilities (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh>). Invite your Scholar to speak with people in your network working in fields they are interested in or reach out to our Program Coordinator for connections within the 518 ElevatED network.

March & April

- Help your Scholar develop a preliminary list of colleges they'd like to apply to, including safety schools, realistic schools, and reach schools.

May

- Look over some college applications with your Scholar and help them make a list of things they'll need to compile.
- Discuss whether your Scholar would like help getting a summer job and help them refine their resume and apply for jobs.

June through August

- Go on campus visits with your Scholar, if possible.
- Try to connect your Scholar with some college students at any schools they're considering attending.