

# Sophomore Year



## College Planning Checklist

- Review your transcript for accuracy and know your graduation requirements!
- Take the most challenging courses you can this year.
- Study hard and do well in school – Remember, your grades will count toward college and will show up on your permanent record.
- Explore your options for Tech/Vocational Prep and Dual Credit courses.
- Ask your counselor if taking the PSAT is appropriate for you.
- Discuss your future dreams with your school counselor at least once a semester.
- Take a career assessment! Explore careers and job opportunities in those careers.
- Use the internet and start looking at colleges through their web sites. Use tools like Big Future to research colleges. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- Start attending college fairs in your area (where the colleges come in and give away information about their schools).
- Start to attend events on college campuses (plays, concerts, sporting events, activities related to your major, etc.).
- Start planning the extracurricular activities to be involved in next year.
- Volunteer in your school and local community.
- Start working to create a Resume! Update your record of activities and/or community service projects, including recent accomplishments and awards.
- Take part in summer enrichment programs and special workshops that focus on a particular subject, such as science or math. Explore possible college summer programs that relate to your interests.
- Read, read, read. Work on your writing skills.
- Learn about current affairs. Keep on top of world news.