



Sophomore Checklist in Approximate Order

- Have college discussion(s) with your parent(s). Set 10th grade goals.
- If offered, take preliminary/practice SAT and ACT tests.
- Talk to people you know about careers and colleges.
- Keep your grades up. Sophomore year is important!
- Do you have a professional student email account for college correspondence?
- Develop a rough target list of colleges. 10-12 is fine at this point.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your curriculum and options.
- Continue extracurricular activities – remember, quality not quantity!
- Can you obtain a leadership position in some area? Start something?
- Begin or continue to work on your resume. Look for weak areas.
- Get to know your teachers and be sure they know you care about grades.
- Look at the websites of some of your “dream colleges”. See what they require.
- Register on these college websites to get on their mailing lists.
- Read more than the minimum high school required reading – work on vocabulary.
- Analyze your practice or preliminary test results if applicable.
- Continue to familiarize yourself with internet resources such as college comparisons, college websites, and scholarship searches.
- Update your file and resume with any awards, honors, certificates, etc.
- Any chance to visit some colleges over Spring Break?
- Attend a college fair.
- Plan an interesting summer that might enhance your resume.
- Plan a challenging junior curriculum. Take the most difficult classes you can handle.
- Study hard for sophomore finals.
- Talk to people you know and those who attend your target colleges.
- Make a plan for prepping for SAT and/or ACT testing.
- Enjoy a productive summer!