

Key Milestones

Wherever you are in the college search journey, use this guide to make sure you're on track! Missed a milestone? Don't panic. Talk to Mrs. Bucher and see how you can catch up. It's never too late to find the right college.

If you're a SOPHOMORE

In the fall

- ✓ Meet with your counselor early in the school year to make sure you're taking the right classes to graduate and be ready for post high school plans. Most colleges require a full sequence of courses in the major subject areas (English, math, science, etc.). Let your counselor know what your goals are. Also, ask for help in developing a list of colleges based on your interests.
- ✓ If not already, get involved at your school and in your community. Most colleges and companies will look at your participation in extracurricular activities when considering your college application and resume.
- ✓ Stay engaged in your classes and get extra help from your teacher, counselor, or others if you need it.
- ✓ Take challenging classes and stay focused on grades.
- ✓ Take the PSAT's.

In the spring

- ✓ Start thinking about your class schedule for next year.
- ✓ Meet with your school counselor and talk about your college path. Be sure to bring a list of questions about college. Here are some suggestions:
 - What classes do I need to take to graduate? What classes should I take to be ready for college?
 - What elective classes should I take?
 - Would you recommend that I take any AP or honors classes?

- ✓ Think about your summer plans and consider including job, volunteer positions, or summer academic programs.
- ✓ Have a serious talk with your parents about how you'll pay for college.
- ✓ Start building a resume.
- ✓ Attend college visits.