

**COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE | CLASS OF 2026 SOPHOMORE YEAR TIMETABLE**

**2023**

**FALL SOPHOMORE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE MEETING TOPIC**

College and university types

**OCTOBER**

**6** Parent College Program: Starting the College Process at Suffield [Academic Advising, Standardized Testing & More]

**NOVEMBER**

**2** Parent College Program: College Admission Testing—Your Roadmap to the SAT and ACT

**WINTER SOPHOMORE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE MEETING TOPIC**

Course planning; transcript/GPA review; standardized testing/PSAT & Pre-ACT overview

**2024**

**JANUARY**

**23** Athletic Recruiting Night for Underclass Students and Parents

**FEBRUARY**

**21** Pre-ACT exam [SA automatically registers all sophomores for this test]

**MARCH**

**27** Digital PSAT-10 exam [SA automatically registers all sophomores for this test]

**SPRING SOPHOMORE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE MEETING TOPIC**

Summer planning; introduction to SCOIR

**APRIL**

**13** Sophomore Parent Program: Looking Ahead to Junior Year and the College Process

**TBD** How to Pay for a College Education [a webinar by SmartTrack]

**MAY**

**25-29** Final Exams

**JUNE**

PSAT-10 & Pre-ACT results and testing plan sent to families

**OTHER THINGS SOPHOMORES CAN DO TO GET READY FOR THE COLLEGE SEARCH**

- Focus on doing well in school. Your grades this year are just as important as the ones next year. You don't want to wake up in the spring of your junior year wondering why you didn't work harder before.
- Get involved! You don't need to have a long list of activities but get out there and find something you enjoy or can even be passionate about.
- READ, READ, READ! This will automatically prep you for the verbal sections on the college admission tests AND aid you in being a better student and interesting person.
- Make your summers count. Work, volunteer, travel, participate in a fun program, take an unusual class, but do something!
- Set academic and personal goals for yourself. Know yourself well — what are your strengths and weaknesses? Ask for help when you need it. Envision your future success and review and revise your goals regularly.
- Swing through a college campus or two when you are on vacation or find yourself near a college or university. Just seeing different schools will open up your mind to the endless possibilities.
- Keep an open mind and remember that the happiest college students are those who focused on finding a college that fits them academically and socially. A rankings list does not determine how "good" a college really is.