

High School Sophomore Checklist



College

- Begin your college search and visits.
 - It's not too soon to start researching colleges and universities you are interested in, discuss with parents and school counselor.
 - Find out about different types of schools. Decide which characteristics are most important to you such as the size of the school, distance from home, cost and extracurricular activities.
- Continue participation in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts and science.



Testing

- Prepare for standardized testing
 - Watch for counselor updates and prepare to take the PSAT
 - Review PSAT results with your parents and/or counselor.
 - Many students begin taking ACT and SAT as early as sophomore year as you can take these exams more than once and they can demonstrate your proficiency in different subject areas.



Classes

- Keep on top of classes and make sure to reach out to teachers early if you have any concerns.
- Consider junior year courses keeping in mind that you will want to challenge yourself with tougher courses. This will pay off in preparing you for college rigor and aide in consideration for admission and scholarships. Review our course guide.
- Talk to parents and/or counselor about registering for AP courses next year. AP or advanced placement courses can grant college credit based off scores.



Documents

- Update your file of important documents and notes. This could include copies of report cards, lists of honors, awards and school and/or community involvement. Make sure to keep descriptions and timeframes for these.



Get involved

- Continue participation in extracurricular activities. Consider taking a leadership role in organizations you have been a part of. Find new interests you might enjoy if you need to add in this area. College Admissions will consider activities when they are considering your admission.