COLLEGE COUNSELING

COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE | CLASS OF 2028 SOPHOMORE YEAR TIMETABLE

2025

Fall Sophomore Leadership College Meeting Topic: College & University Types; College Terminology

OCTOBER

17 Parent College Program: Starting the College Process at Suffield [Academic Advising, Standardized Testing & More]
*The program takes place during Fall Family Weekend

NOVEMBER

13 Parent College Program: College Admission Testing—Your Roadmap to the SAT and ACT [webinar with Summit Eduational Group]

Winter Sophomore Leadership College Meeting Topic: Course planning; transcript/GPA review; standardized testing/PSAT & Pre-ACT overview

2026

FEBRUARY

18 Practice ACT

Spring Sophomore Leadership College Meeting Topic: Summer planning; introduction to SCOIR

APRIL

1 PSAT
11 Sophomore Parent Program: Introduction to the College Process [virtual program]
23 College Visit Field Trip [required for all sophomores]
TBD How to Pay for a College Education [a webinar by SmartTrack]

MAY

Results from Practice PSAT and ACT Shared with Families
23-27 Final Exams

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.