

Sophomore Planning Timeline

SOPHOMORE YEAR

In your sophomore year, you should continue to take challenging courses, as well as courses that interest you. If you are not satisfied with your grades from freshman year, it is important to try to improve this year and continue improving in the next two years. Now is not the time to get careless or lazy about your grades. Make sure you work hard to give yourself the best chances for college admissions or employment opportunities.

This year, you will take the PSAT in the fall. In previous years, the state of Indiana has paid for all sophomores to take the PSAT during the school day in October, so take advantage of this opportunity if it is afforded again.

When you begin to think about scheduling classes for your junior year, remember to choose courses that both challenge and interest you. You should generally take as much math, English, science and social studies classes as you can. Continue researching careers that interest you this year, as well, so you can make adjustments to your schedule if necessary. Researching careers can help you decide which classes will be best for you to take. Taking a Career Interest Inventory can help you figure out which careers may be a good match for you, and you can research those careers in Naviance (accessible through your RDS Student Account). You can learn how much education you may need for any given occupation, specialized training, and what a “day in the life” of someone who does that job is like.

Along with college and career goals, you should also keep in mind the diploma you are working towards when planning for junior year. Make sure you are meeting or will meet the requirements for the diploma you want by the end of your high school career when you are scheduling your junior schedule. If you are working towards the Academic Honors Diploma or Technical Honors Diploma, make sure you check out the extra requirements for these diplomas.

Sophomore Year Checklist

August

☐ Double check your schedule--does it coincide with your post-secondary plans?

☐ Update your resume!

September

☐ Focus your extracurricular interests on activities that you are passionate about.

☐ Take a Career Interest Inventory in Naviance

☐ Attend the CPHS College & Career Fair! Pick up information and speak with college, workforce and military reps to learn about your options.

October

☐ Explore your career and/or college interests. Talk with your parent/guardian and school counselor so that everyone is on the same page.

☐ Take the PSAT

November

☐ Find a summer program of interest and start the application process next month!

December / January

☐ Review the results for your PSAT to identify areas of academic strength and weakness.

☐ Start your 2nd semester out on the right foot!

February

☐ Work on your 11th grade schedule with your counselor during scheduling

☐ If you want to play collegiate sports, take the necessary steps to increase your eligibility and market your abilities!

March / April

☐ Think about job shadowing during Spring Break!

☐ If any organizations/clubs you are a part of hold elections for next year's leadership, think about running for office!

☐ If you're interested in attending a military academy after high school graduation, request information to learn about their information requirements.

May

☐ Study for final exams!

☐ Take AP Tests.

☐ Go over your schedule one last time to ensure you're preparing for your post-secondary goals!

June / July

☐ Be active this summer! Work a job, volunteer, job shadow, or attend a college summer program!