

SOPHOMORE

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE



FALL

- Take a practice PSAT – helps to prepare for the real thing next year and releases your name to colleges so that you start receiving information from them.
- Get ready for the ACT – the PLAN assessment offered by American College Testing helps determine your study habits, academic progress, and interests.
- Stay on track with your courses – keep in communication with your counselor to ensure you are taking the correct courses to prepare for college or a career.
- Get familiar with general college entrance requirements. Library, school counselors, and college websites are great resources.
- Explore your career options in more detail – learn about education requirements, training, and tasks required for careers you are interest in.

WINTER

- Stay involved with extracurricular activities and consider leadership roles in those you really enjoy. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Read lots – develop your reading skills and help prepare for tests. Read the newspaper too to stay up on current affairs.
- Practice your writing skills and ask a teacher to advise you.
- Meet with your school counselor to be sure you are staying on track and discuss possible CCP involvement.

SPRING/SUMMER

- Keep your grades up.
- Start your college search. Decide what criteria are important to you and create a list of colleges that meet your criteria.
- Contact colleges that you would like to get more information from.
- Take the ACT or SAT subject tests.
- Get a summer job – this looks good to prospective colleges and helps you save for college.