

High School “To Do” List

Sophomore:

- Keep and update your planner.
- Check for scholarships that you are eligible for.
- Participate in extra-curricular activities and/or get involved in community activities to provide background experience for college acceptance.
- Think about career areas and investigate colleges.
- Be serious about your grades and courses. They count for GPA, college entrance, class ranking, and many scholarships.
- Attend Career/College Fairs at local community colleges and your high school.
- Take the PSAT and other pre-college tests in the fall.
- Re-think, or re-check your four-year high school plan with your adults. Take college prep classes. Take courses that will enable you to meet prerequisites for additional courses.
- Talk with your counselor as needed.
- Stay focused on your academics.
- Update your introductory letters and list of schools of interest. Send those out.
- Make unofficial visits to schools and attend their camps, if offered.
- Attend summer camps at schools you are thinking about attending.
- Make a video of your activity or sport. This is usually the best way to showcase your skills.
- Register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse if this pertains to you.
- Use your summer wisely: work, volunteer, take a summer course.
- Go to any career information events.
- Learn the difference between grants, loans, work study, and scholarships.