

## Start thinking about college options and the different types of colleges. Meet with your counselor to discuss courses, colleges and majors. Work on developing strong organizational and study skills. □ Look into extracurricular activities at your school and elsewhere. Consider sports, clubs, school government, newspaper, etc. Get involved. Get to know your teachers. Look at the websites of some of your "dream colleges". See what they require. Register on these college websites to get on their mailing lists Read more than the minimum high school required reading. □ Read newspapers, magazines and other material of interest. □ Work on improving your vocabulary – reading, flashcards or any way you like. Make a list of goals and refer to it often. Revise as needed. ☐ Familiarize yourself with internet resources, such as scholarship searches. □ Consider volunteer work or some type of community service. □ Start to keep a file/log of any awards, certificates, news articles, etc. that might be relevant for your college applications. Get a social security number if you don't already have one. □ Plan an interesting summer that might help you solidify your interest areas. Talk to people about careers; ask questions. □ Discuss your interests and abilities, strengths and weaknesses with those who know you best. Keep your grades up. Freshman year DOES count. ☐ With activities, quality counts more than quality. Start to think about picking your favorite few and trying for a leadership position next year. ☐ Plan a challenging sophomore curriculum. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Study hard for freshman finals. Begin a rough draft of your resume. ☐ Enjoy a productive summer!