

Sophomore Checklist in Approximate Order

Have college discussion(s) with your parent(s).
If offered, take a practice PSAT and also the PLAN test.
Talk to people you know about careers and colleges.
Keep your grades up. Sophomore year is important!
Develop a rough target list of colleges. 10-12 is fine at this point.
Meet with your counselor to discuss your curriculum and options.
Continue extracurricular activities – remember, quality not quantity!
Can you obtain a leadership position in some area? Start something?
Begin or continue to work on your resume. Look for weak areas.
Get to know your teachers and be sure they know you care about grades.
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 – work on vocabulary
Analyze your practice PSAT and PLAN results if applicable.
Continue to familiarize yourself with internet resources and scholarship searches.
Update your file and resume with any awards, honors, certificates, etc.
Any chance to visit some colleges over Spring Break?
Plan an interesting summer that might enhance your resume.
Plan a challenging junior curriculum. Take the most difficult classes you can handle.
Study hard for sophomore finals.
Talk to people you know and those who attend your target colleges.
Enjoy a productive summer!