

College Checklist for Sophomores

Academics

- _____ Take the most challenging courses that are appropriate for you.
- _____ Get your year off to a great start and avoid the “Sophomore Slump”. Worry as much about getting good grades as you do about getting your driver’s license.
- _____ Sign up, if you have not already done so, for co-curricular activities that interest you. The level of involvement and accomplishment is most important, not the number of activities.
- _____ Take time to meet with your teachers outside of class if you have questions or if you are curious about other areas related to the class. This shows you are interested in learning the material. You may need to ask these same teachers for a letter of recommendation during your senior year.
- _____ Get organized – keep a record of your co-curricular involvement and volunteer work. You will need to know dates and hours for college applications.

Choosing a College

- _____ Start obtaining information from colleges in which you have an interest. Check them out online. Talk to people who have gone to school there.
- _____ Attend the College Night for freshmen and sophomore students and parents during the spring semester.
- _____ Use school breaks to begin visiting college campuses. Visits to colleges can help assess preferences for size, type, location, and culture.
- _____ Attend local college fairs to learn more about colleges of interest.

Testing

- _____ Take the PSAT test in October. The Preliminary SAT scores give a “snapshot” of a student’s tested ability, and can point to areas in English and mathematics where further review may be helpful.
- _____ Study for final exams early in December and May. Review and correct past tests and quizzes.
- _____ Talk to your teachers and Guidance Counselor about signing up for SAT Subject Tests.

Summer

- _____ Consider taking ACC courses for college credit. See Guidance Counselor for information.
- _____ Spend your summer doing something productive – volunteer, get a summer job, participate in a mission trip, attend a summer academic or athletic program held on a college campus.