

Sophomore College Planning Timeline

Fall (September - November)

- ✓ Evaluate and adjust course roadmap
- ✓ Meet with school academic advisor
- ✓ Choose manageable and challenging classes
- ✓ Increase your contribution in classroom and extracurricular
- ✓ Register and take PSAT or Pre-ACT test
- ✓ Get educated on college planning (use Naviance if available)

Winter (December - February)

- ✓ Participate in school organized or self-initiated community service activities
- ✓ Make deeper commitment to your chosen charity work in the community
- ✓ Have a prep plan on SAT/ACT test and AP exam (if taking any AP class)
- ✓ Think about your college criteria and your career interests
- ✓ Start managing your personal finance by opening a checking account and applying for a credit card
- ✓ Balance academic work and social life (enjoy your holiday break 😊)

Spring (March - May)

- ✓ Visit colleges and register for the info sessions and tours
- ✓ Join school organized service trips if possible
- ✓ Plan and apply summer camps/programs
- ✓ Solicit input on junior class schedule
- ✓ Take both diagnostic SAT and ACT tests, then decide which one to prepare
- ✓ Prepare AP exam for the taken AP class
- ✓ Self-evaluate your academic strength vs. weakness and personal interests/passion

Summer (June - August)

- ✓ Take summer classes in academic area which needs to be improved
- ✓ Read a lot and write a lot to enhance your reading and writing skills
- ✓ Take community college classes if needed
- ✓ Prepare SAT or ACT for the junior fall or (and) spring test
- ✓ If not sure about career interest, consider taking a personality aptitude test
- ✓ Look for opportunities to foster your interests through internship, summer job or shadowing
- ✓ Visit colleges (register for info session and student-led tours)