

Sophomore Year

- Stay focused on school work and getting good grades. This year's grades are important to college admissions officers.
- Participate in extracurricular activities. Deepen your involvement or step out of your comfort zone and try something new.
- Create/Update an [activity log](#) or resume to keep track of your activities, academic achievements, awards, etc.
- Register for challenging courses in which you can work hard and be successful.
 - Consider registering for classes in your junior year that could earn college credit like PSEO courses, AP classes, STEP career classes, and/or concurrent enrollment courses.
- Take interest and skills assessments to help you explore career options.
 - [Career Exploration](#)
 - Research [Careers](#) and [Colleges](#)
 - Talk with friends, teachers, counselors, and your parents about post-secondary options.
 - Attend a college/career fair.
 - Visit a college or two locally or while you're on vacation.
 - If you want to play Division I or Division II athletics, register with the [NCAA clearinghouse](#) and/or the [NAIA Eligibility Center](#)
 - If you are enrolled in an AP course, consider taking that AP test in May.
 - Create/update your [Raise.Me account](#) with your grades, activities, etc. to earn micro scholarships.
 - Explore [internships and apprenticeships](#).
 - Enroll in a [summer enrichment program](#).
 - Consider a [job](#) to help save for college.

Other helpful planning guides

- [The College Board - College planning: 9th and 10th graders](#)
- [Peterson's - College planning timelines](#)
- [StudentAid.gov - College preparation checklist](#)