

Sophomore Year - Preparing for the Future

Sophomore year is a planning period. It is a time to start thinking about potential colleges, majors, and career goals. Here are a few tips for a successful year of preparations.

Academic Foundation

Be organized - develop a system to keep track of assignments and tests.

Complete all assignments and turn them in on time.

Prepare well for tests & quizzes, and work hard to earn high grades.

Your transcript is a permanent record of your academic high school performance and is what colleges will use to determine if you are eligible for admissions into their institutions.

Here are the course requirements for Pinnacle High School's graduation. You need to earn a minimum of 22 credits within the following requirements:

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math

3 credits of Science

3 credits of Social Studies

1 credit of a Fine Art or CTE

1/2 credit of Life Concepts

1/2 credit of a PE Choice

6 credits of Electives

A sophomore on track to graduate should have at least 6 total credits at the end of Freshman year. If you are behind in credits, meet with your counselor to discuss credit recovery options.

Student Opportunities

As sophomores, you have the opportunity to apply to several programs that are offered during your junior year:

West-Mec Vocational Training (multiple locations)

Provides career training programs for high school students. The Open House card lists programs offered and information on tours. Applications will open in October. Go to West-Mec.edu to apply.

ACE and PUMA Programs (PVCC)

These programs offer an early start to community college classes. An information meeting will be held on September 19 during lunch time in Ms. Castro's office - ITC building B101.

Health Care Pathway (PVHS)

This program is offered for juniors and seniors who are interested in nursing or other medical fields. The application will open up in October and close early November. An email will be sent out to all sophomores and juniors when the application is available.

Additional tips for success:

If you are struggling with a class, take action immediately.

Talk to your teacher

Take advantage of Pinnacle High School's free tutoring program. Monday-Friday in the ITC building before and after school.

Get involved in Extracurricular activities:

Join a club

Play a sport

Volunteer for community service

Look for leadership opportunities

Contact your counselor with any questions

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Good preparation leads to Success

Make it a great year!!!

