

## \*Sophomores

- **Take and plan challenging courses.** Focus on your studies. Colleges like to see an upward trend in GPA from freshman to sophomore year. Plan out your course load for the next three years to ensure you are on track for college admission.
- **Start a resume file.** Next year you will be writing a resume to include with college applications. Keep track of awards and honors earned, school clubs and community organizations, including dates of participation, leadership positions, jobs and volunteer work.
- **Take the PreACT in October and the PSAT 10 in March.** Continue to work on any areas that need improvement.
- **Explore Naviance** and get familiar with the links to various types of information such as scholarships, SAT and ACT testing information, career exploration, etc.
- **Participate in school extracurricular activities,** and consider taking leadership roles.
- **Look at a few college campuses** and start to get an idea of what you want in a college. Attend college and career fairs. Talk with your family about financial considerations.
- **Continue to do career exploration** through investigating community resources, talking to friends and family, exploring Naviance, looking on college websites, in the classroom and school sponsored career events, and meeting with your counselor.
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- **AP exams are taken in May.**
- **Explore scholarships** that are grade level appropriate. It's never too early to start applying!
- If you think you may be interested in playing sports in college, **research the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements** at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). The NCAA requires completion of certain core courses.

Summer between sophomore and junior year:

- **Consider a summer college program.** Information on summer programs is available through the Usummer link on Naviance.