

Sophomore Timeline

Plan for the Year Ahead

- Take the PSAT (optional) as well as the Pre-ACT (preliminary ACT – mandatory) tests at school. Practice leads to perfection!
- Be sure to save your test booklets and score report sheet! These will be helpful as future study guides for both the PSAT and SAT.
- Jumpstart your college planning by reading about majors and careers by visiting princetonreview.com and bls.gov/oco.

Learn About Colleges

- Learn about college costs and how financial aid works.
- Talk to your parents about financing college.
- Visit colleges while they're in session.
- Find out about college firsthand from college friends who are home for the holidays.

Explore Summer Opportunities

- Look for a great summer opportunity — job, internship, or volunteer position. Summer is a great time to spend a day shadowing someone whose career you have thought about pursuing. Want to be a dentist? Ask to spend a day with a local dentist. Want to do research? Ask a local college if you can shadow someone in one of their research departments.
- Check with your guidance counselor and search online for summer school programs for high school students at colleges. This is a great way to try out colleges!
- Make the Most of Your Summer Break
- Prepare for the PSAT. Use your test results from your previous PSAT's and go to www.collegeboard.com to take practice tests.
- Plan to visit college campuses to get a feel for your options. Start with colleges near you.