

College Planning for Sophomores

Fall

- Look for leadership roles in clubs and activities.
- Starting thinking about college choices. Sign up for [FastWeb's College Search](#) to help find the right school for you.
- Make an appointment to talk to your school counselor, Mrs. Minns.
- Register, prepare for, and take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Strengthen relationships with teachers, counselors, and activity advisors. This will help you obtain recommendations for college later.
- Become familiar with the standardized tests that you need to take.
- Attend college fairs and speak to on-campus college representatives.
- Research summer programs for college prep.

Spring

- Begin to discuss college costs with parents/guardians.
- Meet with your school counselor, Mrs. Minns, to discuss plans for summer and next fall.
- Apply for summer jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.
- Investigate your financial aid options.
- Athletes should register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse at eligibilitycenter.org at the end of the academic year if planning on participating in sports on the college level.