

Sophomore Year: College & Career Readiness Action Plan

Summer Before Sophomore Year

Student:

- _____ Read, read, read! Reading is the single-best way to prepare for college entrance exams!
- _____ Complete required [summer assignments](#) for Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB, and IB courses.
- _____ Participate in meaningful summer opportunities: work, volunteer, job shadow, and/or visit a college.
- _____ Connect to the test prep materials offered through the [CCR website](#) (free PSAT, SAT, ACT prep and much more).

Fall

Student:

- _____ Update your NAVIANCE “My Resume” file and “Colleges I’m Thinking About”.
- _____ Stay involved in extracurricular activities, clubs and community service and start seeking leadership opportunities.
- _____ Use the free test prep materials offered through the [CCR website](#) to prepare for the PSAT.
- _____ Take the PSAT in October.
- _____ Attend the LISD College Fair. Suggested [College Fair Questions](#)

Spring

Student:

- _____ Review PSAT results with English, Math, and AVID teacher as well as your parents. Use your PSAT code to access [My College QuickStart](#) to get personalized feedback.
- _____ Revisit your four-year plan and chosen Program of Study. Consider and select rigorous courses as appropriate (Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB, IB, and ACC dual-credit).
- _____ Explore [Early College Start](#) dual credit opportunities through ACC. Start the enrollment process with your Transition Coordinator if you plan to take classes in the summer or next fall.
- _____ Meet with your counselor to discuss your academic plan and course selections for junior year.
- _____ Register and prepare for AP exams if you have taken an AP course this year.
- _____ If interested in applying to a [U.S. Military Academy](#) as a senior, contact your local Congressional representative to obtain a timeline of application

procedures.

- _____ Register to take the [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery](#) career assessment exam. (This test is required for military applicants, but is open to all students.)
- _____ Plan to attend the National College Fair at the Austin Convention Center.
- _____ Explore summer opportunities such as summer enrichment, work and volunteering.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

- _____ Attend Sophomore Parent Night and the Early College Start informational meeting.
- _____ Review with your student his/her PSAT scores. Talk about strengths and areas that need attention.
- _____ Continue talking with your student about their college/career aspirations. Which qualities is he/she looking for in a college? Use NAVIANCE “Supermatch” to narrow down options and update “Colleges I’m Thinking About”.
- _____ Encourage your student to begin self-advocating. Walk your student through conversations with their teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, etc.