

Countdown to College - Sophomore Year

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Plan your path to education success with these monthly activities:

August

- Review your high school courses and activities. Colleges look for challenging course work, strong grades, and extracurricular activities.
- Consider signing up to take a Practice SAT test and a Practice ACT test. Visit the College and Career Center.

September

- Browse career interests in [Naviance](#) and surf the Web for information.
- Research a college in [Naviance](#) that you might be interested in attending; browse this college's website.
- Study for the PSAT.
- Join an extracurricular activity, club, or organization.
- Attend College Night at AHS.
- Attend College Q&A Night at AHS.

October

- Take the PSAT.
- Talk to your parents and your AHS College and Career Advisor to gain their insight about careers that match your interests.
- Research Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) program, and Dual Credit through Collin College for courses you might like to take.
- Start researching college scholarship opportunities in [Naviance](#) to become familiar with qualifications and requirements. Some scholarships may also be available for sophomores.
- Attend Eagles Soar to College at AHS.

November

- Talk as a family about how much you may be able to afford to spend for your college education.

December

- Study for final exams.
- Update your resume in [Naviance](#).

January

- Join an extracurricular activity, club, or organization if you have not already joined one.
- Research a college in [Naviance](#) that you might be interested in attending; browse this college's website.

February

- Continue researching career interests in Naviance and surf the web for information.
- Watch videos about your career interests in Roadtrip Nation, located under the 'careers' tab in [Naviance](#).
- Review your PSAT scores; set up and link your [Khan Academy](#) account to your [College Board](#) account for study information.
- Familiarize yourself with the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#).

March/April

- Attend Career Night at AHS.
- Add a few colleges of interest to your 'colleges I'm thinking about list' in [Naviance](#) under the 'colleges' tab and continue researching colleges of interest.
- Continue researching college scholarships opportunities in [Naviance](#) to familiarize yourself with qualifications and requirements. You will find scholarships that you are able to apply for in your junior summer/senior year. Keep a list of these scholarships in your [Naviance](#) journal, located under the 'about me' tab, and reference this list in your junior summer/senior year.

May

- Plan your summer enrichment activities.
- Study for final exams.
- Update your resume in [Naviance](#).

June

- Start summer enrichment activities.

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