

Preparing for College Checklist

SOPHOMORE YEAR

September-October

- Check your high school classes to ensure that you are taking courses to meet graduation requirements and post graduation plans. Contact your counselor if you have any concerns.
- Develop a serious attitude toward your studies. Your grade point average (GPA) and class rank are important considerations for college acceptance.
- Develop good study habits. If you find yourself struggling at any time first consult your teacher, then seek tutoring assistance and finally consult the academic counselor at your school.
- The PSAT is scheduled in October of each year. Please check which date your school will be administering the PSAT.

November-December

- Visit the Career Center. Become familiar with the reference materials and the Internet in the career center for career and post secondary exploration and information.
- Plan ahead for project deadlines and semester exams.
- Plan your extracurricular class and community activities carefully. They will be needed on your resume for college or for work.
- Begin to compile information to develop a resume. Activities, GPA, class rank, special programs, internships and school awards or scholarships should be included.

January-February-March-April-May

- Discuss your career or educational goals with your parents and counselor.
- Use the Career Center to review Post Secondary materials.
- Make a list of schools, jobs, and colleges to which you may want to consider applying.
- Check the entrance requirements to schools on your list.
- Make sure you select appropriate course work for next year and for colleges in consideration.
- Prepare to take the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).