

# Sophomore College Planning Calendar

Adapted from the College Board Action Plan ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

Here are some dates to keep in mind as you begin planning for college. Missing one of the dates could hinder you from a smooth process in getting into your preferred college or university.

<p><b>Fall Term</b> (August – December)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> If you have not already, get involved in school and club activities.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in a sports team.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT (Oct. 17). **These scores your sophomore year will not count toward the National Merit Scholarship, but it is good practice.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> The PLAN (pre-ACT) will be administered on November 13 by MVA.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> After receiving the standardized test scores, schedule a meeting with Student Services Advisor about improving your scores.</li></ul>
<p><b>Winter Term</b> (January – March)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start learning about college costs, and begin an open dialogue with your family about financing your education.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin thinking about what you want in a college (i.e. Student life, athletics).</li></ul>
<p><b>Spring Term</b> (April – May)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop a list of colleges that you would like to attend.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use the results of your PSAT &amp; PLAN test to determine strengths and weaknesses in the corresponding subjects. Talk to teachers about how to improve those weak areas.</li></ul>
<p><b>Summer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer with a local community service project or find a job that is related to your interests.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> While on trips or vacations, make it a point to walk through and visit colleges.</li></ul>