

SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE COLLEGE READY. COMPLETE THESE TASKS TO STAY ON TRACK FOR YOUR FUTURE.



YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR

Questions?

Reach out to your school Counselor or stop by your school's DSF Future Center!



GET INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Stay involved in the activities you like, or join some this year. Colleges are interested in what you do outside the classroom, plus these activities can help prepare you for your future career.



START RESEARCHING CAREER CLUSTERS THAT INTEREST YOU

Knowing your interests and talents can help **narrow down career clusters that fit you best**. These career clusters can help you decide what to study in college to prepare you for your career. (<https://www.onetonline.org/find/career>)



TAKE THE PSAT (IN OCTOBER)

See your high school counselor for details. **The PSAT will be good practice for the SAT that you will take next year.** Colleges and scholarships will use SAT scores, so take the PSAT seriously to prepare accordingly.



RESEARCH MAJORS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Now that you have identified interests and possible careers, **find the best college path to get you there.** What type of certificate or degree will you need, and what program or major matches your career?



EARN THE BEST GRADES YOU CAN AND CHALLENGE YOURSELF

A good GPA will help you be a competitive college and scholarship applicant. This year counts! Take advantage of honors, AP, and IB classes if available to show colleges you can challenge yourself academically.



IDENTIFY YOUR LEARNING STYLE

Identifying your learning style will help guide you through different approaches to learning and help you develop effective study strategies. You will learn whether you are a visual (spatial), aural (auditory-musical), verbal (linguistic), physical (kinesthetic), logical (mathematical), social (interpersonal), or a solitary (intrapersonal) learner.



VISIT A COLLEGE CAMPUS

Whether you take a walking **tour of a college campus or a virtual tour, it is important to know what type of college you would like to attend.** Do you like a private school, public school, vocational, large, small, etc.? Talk to your counselor or Future Center advisor to learn about any campus visits that happen throughout the school year.