

College Planning Timeline

SOPHOMORES

Fall

- Be aware of graduation and college entrance requirements. Check out Vanguard graduation requirements and Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR).
- Review your four-year academic plan with your parents, teachers, and counselor.
- Complete all tenth grade ICAP tasks that are assigned.
- Attend the Out-of-State College Fair in October.
- Strive to earn grades of B or better. Improve study skills; ask teachers and/or your counselor for help.
- Begin to develop independent living skills: get yourself out of bed in the morning; get through the day without texting, emailing or calling a parent; manage varying homework demands; set academic goals and follow through to reach them; structure your free time productively.
- Continue pursuing activities of interest in and outside of school.
- Participating in different activities will help you find out about your interests. Investigate the school clubs. Quality is more important than quantity.
- Set up free online accounts with collegeboard.org. The College Board account allows you to research colleges and helps you prepare for the SAT test.
- Get to know your new teachers.

Spring

- Complete all tenth grade ICAP tasks that are assigned.
- Thinking about playing sports in college? Check out the NCAA eligibility requirements: http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp
- Get ready for summer reading. In addition to your required summer reading, chose some books to read for pleasure.
- Begin early to explore summer jobs, academic enrichment and volunteer opportunities, being mindful of application deadlines.
- Plan your junior year coursework, especially AP courses.
- Learn more about a college with which you are already familiar. Search for the college by name; look at their admissions web page. Learn about their requirements for admission.

Summer

- Confirm your summer plans.
- Know your required summer reading. In addition to your required list, choose books from the recommendations of teachers, counselors, or a librarian to read for pleasure.
- Half of your academic record is set in stone. If you want to improve – start now!