

## Freshman & Sophomore To Do List

### Ongoing

- Pray for God to lead you through the process of your applications and choices.
- Read emails from your counselor.
- Plan to take first SAT & ACT no later than December of your junior year.  
(You may certainly take it earlier to gain experience!)
- Use your NAVIANCE account. Begin to put colleges in your “prospective colleges” list.
- Create list of colleges you want to visit. Schedule campus visits every year, beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Work on the PSAT personalized test prep through Khan Academy. (Link College Board account with Khan Academy for this resource. Ask for help if you are unsure how to do this!)
- Refine list of colleges you like (keep updated in Naviance), learn admission requirements, cost, admission stats, likelihood of admission, etc.
- Have conversations with your family to be sure you know what is possible (or not possible) regarding cost, distance, etc.
- Read, read, read! Keep enhancing your vocabulary, knowledge, & comprehension!
- Do your best in school. Really try to learn.
- Know your GPA (updated every semester after report cards are published).
- Keep praying. This list is NOT meant to be complete. It is only a guide of key issues.  
See your counselor often! Visit colleges!
- Individual college planning meetings are available with your counselor year-round. Set one up!
- Create & update your resume. If you have not started your resume, you need to create and update it each year. Use the ApplyTexas application format found here:  
[https://www.applytexas.org/test/adappc/html/preview/frs\\_ec.html](https://www.applytexas.org/test/adappc/html/preview/frs_ec.html)

### Specific Times

- October - Take the PSAT (provided and required on campus during the school day).  
This is the practice SAT test. Take it seriously!
- Thanksgiving break: Plan to visit colleges on the first two days of break when college students are still on campus.
- Spring break: Take a serious visit to potential colleges. Don't wait until 11th grade to begin!
- Summers: VISIT colleges on your “serious list.” Again, do not wait! You need to have a strong idea of what you do and don't like before your junior year ends.