

SOPHOMORE YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING COUNTDOWN

	September
	Memorize the graduation requirements for your graduating class.
	Find out how to make an appointment to see your counselor. Make at least 2 appointments this year!
	Review the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Scholarship requirements and your progress toward qualification with your counselor. Keep your options open (Louisiana residents only).
	Use the student planner provided by your school or purchase one.
	Continue to develop good study skills. Ask your counselor and teachers for more information.
	Heads Up! All 10 th graders will be taking a college admissions test this October – either the PSAT or PLAN .
	October
	Make an appointment with your counselor to explore and select a career major .
	Attend a college fair.
	Continue working on your future plans. Create an Education Portfolio include important documents and a copy of your resume.
	November
	Talk to your family about saving money for your schooling or training after high school graduation.
	How many core credits have you earned and what is your core GPA?
	By now you should have a quiet place at home for studying. If not, do it NOW!
	December
	If you don't have a resume started, find out how to do it.
	January
	This spring you will take the LEAP , which is required for graduation. Be prepared for this important test! (Louisiana residents only).
	February
	Are Advanced Placement or Honors courses for you? Think about it! Stretch yourself!
	Plan carefully by using your Educational Planning Worksheet. It's not too early to think about your senior schedule.
	Have a serious discussion with your parents about your future career goals.
	March
	Spend time researching your future and finding the right career for you.
	April
	Take the LEAP test and do the best that you can do! (Louisiana residents only)
	Check into summer possibilities such as volunteering, internships, summer school or a summer job.
	If you don't know how, learn how to calculate your GPA and your TOPS GPA.
	Continue to work on your study habits and time management skills .
	May
	“Know Thyself” Make a list of your strengths and talents. Post it on your mirror as a daily reminder!
	Are you behind in credits? Get back on track by co-enrolling in night school or attending summer school .
	Begin to find out about scholarships and financial aid. It's a process that takes hard work and a great deal of time.
	Find out about dual enrollment courses. Juniors and seniors can earn college credit while still in high school.

	What math course are you taking next year? Statistics show that students, who succeed in high school geometry and above, experience success in college.
	June/July/August
	Update your resume and give it to your counselor in the Fall.
	Prepare for your exams.
	Volunteer this summer. Accrue more service learning hours.
	Visit college campuses while on the family vacation.
	Remember to register for the October PSAT this coming fall. To qualify for the National Merit or National Achievement Scholarships , it must be taken in 11 th grade.
	Read, Read, Read – ask your teachers for reading lists or read whatever interests you.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Check out these websites this summer or anytime!</p> <p>Career Planning: www.mapping-your-future.org/planning/</p> <p>Louisiana state universities and community colleges: www.lacrao.uno.edu</p> <p>TOPS Scholarship (Louisiana Residents Only): www.osfa.state.la.us/schgrt6.htm</p> <p>ACT: www.ACT.org</p> <p>College Board: www.collegeboard.org</p> <p>College Search: www.collegeview.com</p> <p>College Search: www.braintrack.com</p> <p>FastWEB Scholarship Database: www.Fastweb.com</p>