

The Counselor Compass

Riverview Jr-Sr High School Guidance Department



College Planning Checklist Sophomore Year

Sophomore year concentrate on academic preparation and continue to develop skills and co-curricular interests!

Fall

- Make sure you are enrolled in the most challenging courses
- Join a co-curricular activity – be part of the school community
- Take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) in October
- If attending Forbes, maintain excellent grades in both schools
- If interested in the military or attending an academy take the ASVAB

Winter

- Receive results of the PSAT
- Review results and make improvements where needed
- Study for midterm exams and projects
- Update resume
- Continue to research career options and college majors
- Continue to research colleges and postsecondary plans
- Make plans to complete community service hours (consider a new place)
- Compete Career Shadow experience
- Stay on top of your grades – keep studying!

Spring

- Take the PRE-ACT in February
- Plan your schedule for junior year – select your courses wisely
- Research SAT prep programs (optional)
- Complete community service hours and turn them in to your homeroom mentor
- Consider running for office in your junior year (class or club officers)
- Prepare for final exams, secure tutoring if needed – final grades count!

Summer

- Complete summer assignments early
- Continue to volunteer when possible
- Take a summer course or program at a local college or community college
- If you work, save some money for college
- Visit a college while on vacation, even if you are not planning to attend it – it's good to learn and compare programs.
- Make your summer productive – continue reading to increase your vocabulary