

College Checklist

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Sophomore Year

Fall

- Practice makes perfect! Take the PSAT to get some practice and familiarize yourself with the SAT.
- Get involved with your extracurricular and volunteer activities. Be a leader in and outside of school.
- Start preparing for the ACT by taking practice test and studying.
- Your GPA counts! Stay on track with your courses. If you're struggling, ask your teachers and school counselors for help. Download helpful academic success resources on [FloridaShines](#).
- Don't forget to visit [MyCareerShines](#) and research colleges and careers that interest you.

Spring

- Begin your college search. Go to [FloridaShines](#) and check out the College and University Profiles tool.
- Consider taking the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#). Ask your school counselors for more information about valuable prep tools.
- Assemble your professional résumé. Even if you're not ready to get a job, learning how to write and present a résumé is a skill that will come in handy throughout life. [MyCareerShines](#) offers a résumé builder, all you need is an account!

Summer

- Plan a challenging third-year course load. Make sure and contact one of your school counselors to discuss Dual Enrollment courses.
- Find a summer job! A steady summer job can offer valuable work experience, allows you to network, and will help you along your path to college and a successful career.
- Find programs and camps to attend. Check with your school counselor to decide if summer class is appropriate.

