

SAGE Scholars' High School Timeline for College Preparation

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Sophomore Year

Fall

- STUDY STUDY STUDY—KEEP YOUR GRADES UP.
- Meet with your school counselor.
- Update your 4-year plan for graduation. Make sure you are on track with rigorous courses that will meet college admission requirements.
- Do a career and interest inventory (mynextmove.org/explore/ip; mynextmove.org/find/browse?c=56).
- Take the PSAT and/or pre-ACT.
- Attend college fairs: they're a valuable source of information (nacacfairs.org).
- Continue with clubs, activities, sports, and volunteering. Take on leadership positions. You don't need to join every club; just find a few that you really like.
- If you're planning on playing a sport in college, check out The Guide for College-Bound Student-Athlete (ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA18.pdf).
- Continue saving for college.
- Advocate for yourself—seek out help when you need it.
- Add to your portfolio absolutely everything you do. Include report cards, awards, recognitions, group projects, and materials related to clubs, activities, sports, volunteer work, and work experiences.



Spring

- Plan for your junior year by signing up for challenging classes.
- Keep reading and writing. This will strengthen your verbal, writing, and critical-thinking skills.
- Visit colleges and collect information about schools that you may be interested in.
- Consider shadowing someone in a career of interest—ask your counselor for more information.
- Consider taking some SAT Subject Tests.
 - Plan for your summer. Have fun and get a job, volunteer, or join an enrichment program.

You've got this! Keep up the good work.