



SOPHOMORES YEAR CHECKLIST

College Bound Sophomores should be giving serious thought to what is necessary for them to get to college. Here are some tips to help you on your way.

- Keep in mind what colleges look for:**
 - A strong GPA
 - Challenging curriculum
 - Involvement in extracurricular activities (school and community)
- Select a challenging curriculum for your sophomore, junior and senior year (AICE, AP, Honors or Dual Enrollment classes)**
- Keep your grades up!!!**
- Prepare to take the PSAT in October, this is a good practice for the SAT (www.collegeboard.com to prepare for the test)**
- Plan to take the PSAT again in your Junior year; this is the only way to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program**
- Check out the requirements for become familiar with <http://www.nationalmerit.org>**
- Make plans to visit the colleges and universities that you are interested in applying to**
- Search for scholarships. Be familiar with the monthly Scholarship Bulletin posted online at sweagles.dadeschools.net, occasionally you will find scholarship information for sophomores**
- Make sure you are working towards the Florida Bright Future requirements. Visit www.facts.org for more information and to monitor your progress**
- Make your summer count! Do volunteer work, go to summer school or attend a summer program at a college or university**
- Get involved! Join some clubs or athletic teams; you will enjoy school much more and that way it will help you with your college application.**
- Planning to play sports in college? Be familiar with the NCAA requirements visit www.ncaa.org**
- Get a Social Security Number. If you don't have one, apply for one as soon as possible**