



## Sophomore Year Timeline

### FALL/SPRING

- Grades Matter:** Stay on track with your courses.  
Your GPA is a critical piece of your college application  
To calculate your GPA, click here for helpful [video](#)
- Check your Aeries Account:** under Grades -> Transcript and Graduation Status are 2 pages that offer info about your Class Rank, Credits Earned, and GPA
- [CaliforinaColleges.edu](#):** to complete Career and College Search
- Get Involved:** Stay involved with your extracurricular activities and work toward leadership positions in the activities you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Read!** Developing your reading skills will help prepare you for tests and make you a well-rounded individual. Read as many books as you can and read the newspaper to learn about current affairs.
- Practice your writing.** You'll need good writing skills no matter what path you pursue, so work on those skills now to get prepared. Find a teacher or another adult who can advise and encourage you to write well.

### SUMMER:

- Start getting ready for the PSAT.
- Continue your college search. Use [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) to decide what factors are important to you and save colleges on your account to review later
- Attend college fairs and read the material you get from all types of schools—you may see something you like.
- Contact colleges that interest you. Write to schools and ask for more information about their academic requirements and any programs or activities that you're interested in. It's especially important to start this process now if you think you want to attend a military academy.
- Get a summer job. Finding steady summer work will look good to prospective colleges and employers. Putting the money you earn away for college will also help you get a head start on a personal savings plan.
- Visit college campuses. This is an excellent way to narrow down what you are looking for in a university.
- Consider taking a Concurrent Enrollment Class at the Community College