



## Sophomore (10th Grade) Planning Timeline

For this year, you'll want to stay on track with your high school classes and activities, and begin to narrow down the path for your future.

### Fall/Winter

**Stay on track with your courses.**

Enroll in courses you need to prepare you for college or a career. Move on to the next level of classes in the core subjects (English, math, science, social studies, and a foreign language).

4 years English and religion

4 years math

3-4 years social studies

3-4 years science

2-4 years foreign language

Electives

**Begin learning about the college admissions process.**

Get familiar with general college entrance requirements. The Guidance Office, and college websites are all good sources of information.

**Continue exploring potential careers.**

Research possible careers to learn about the tasks, education, and training necessary for each occupation you are considering.

**Take on new roles.**

Stay involved with your co-curricular activities, and work toward leadership positions in the activities you like the best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.

## Spring/Summer

**Start getting ready for the SAT**

In April, you will take the PSAT assessment offered by the College Board. Your score report received a few weeks later will measure your progress toward college readiness and your career interests.

**Job Shadow**

Consider "shadowing" an adult in a career of interest to you. Gathering information is important.

**Keep your grades up.**

There is probably a lot competing for your attention, but it is important to remain focused on doing well in your classes. Remember that your grades impact your GPA and class rank. These are two primary factors that colleges consider in the admissions process.

**Start your college search.**

Conduct a college search to decide what factors are important to you. Attend college fairs, meet with college reps that visit HVL, and read the material you get from all types of schools

**Contact colleges that interest you.**

Email schools, fill out college interest forms online and ask for more information about their academic requirements and any programs or activities in which you are interested. It is especially important to start this process now if you think you want to attend a military academy.

**Update your resume.**

Record all items of interest, accomplishments and awards that will assist with college admissions.

**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.