

10th Grade

The Journey Continues

1. CONTINUE TO MONITOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Are the student's grades on track as well? If not, it's not too late to make a change. Colleges like to see upward grade trends throughout high school. If the student is struggling, look into getting extra help, especially from teachers and student tutoring opportunities on campus. For college admissions, a minimum cumulative GPA goal is a 3.0 (and 3.5 or better is preferable for both admission and scholarships).

2. REVIEW FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

Are you on track with the plan you made? Does it need to be revised? Be sure to select appropriate classes for the junior year. They should include

- ❖ English (Integrated Literature/CSB)
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Chemistry or Physics
- ❖ Foreign language (2nd or 3rd year)
- ❖ Physical education, computer courses, or other electives

3. PSAT/SAT

Review the PSAT score report, especially the advice on how to improve the student's skills and scores. Take this advice to heart and act on the suggestions. It is important that students continually work on building skills in the following areas:

- ❖ Mathematics → the test will include Algebra II questions
- ❖ Reading → the verbal section is called "Critical Reading" so students should read, read, read.
- ❖ Writing → students should continue to write and take teacher's comments seriously to improve their writing skills.

4. STAY INVOLVED & ACTIVE

In addition to working hard in school and being involved in a variety of activities, sophomores should be identifying their personal abilities, aptitudes, and interests. Perhaps choose community service and summer activities that relate to a career field or personal interests. Be sure to update the "Activities and Awards" file.