

# Information for College-Bound Students

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## **Sophomore Year**

Meet with your counselor to discuss which courses would be suitable for your future plans

Explore different electives in order to help you determine what type of career field you would like to enter into.

Utilize different internet sites such as <http://www.collegeboard.com> or <http://www.act.org> to research the different college opportunities available to you.

College admission counselors look at how challenging your course work was during high school. Choose challenging courses when scheduling for the following year.

Take time over the summer to visit colleges.

Plan to take the PSAT in October in order to qualify for National Merit Scholarships.

## **Junior Year**

Meet with your counselor to review your current GPA and discuss options for post-graduate plans.

Sign up for the PSAT that is administered in October.

Keep researching and make a list of possible colleges.

Request information from your prospective college list.

Attend the Chesapeake College Fair in October.

Get more involved in the school and community.

Start building your Activities Resume for college admission applications.

Take the [SAT I](#) or [ACT](#). Take the [SAT II](#) if your prospective colleges require the exam for admission.

Sign up to attend informational sessions provided by college admission representatives.

Make a list of important factors that you are looking for in a college and start to narrow down your list of colleges.

Continue to visit colleges over the summer.

## **Senior Year**

Take the [SAT I](#) or [ACT](#) again to improve your score for admission or scholarship opportunities.

Request updated information and application from your list of colleges.

Identify and contact teachers who you wish to write a recommendation letter on your behalf. Give at least 2 week notice.

Request a recommendation letter from your counselor. Give at least 2 weeks' notice.

Discuss with your counselor the differences between the early and regular college admission process.

With your counselor, confirm the spelling of full-name for your diploma.

Attend the Chesapeake College Fair in October to talk with admission counselors and pick up applications.

Construct a draft for the college admission essays and review with an English teacher.

By winter break you should mail off any regular admission applications.

Attend the ACCESS Financial Aid Night.

Contact Mr. Hall ([Apollos.Hall@cpschools.com](mailto:Apollos.Hall@cpschools.com)) for assistance with the F.A.F.S.A. form.

Mid-February request your new transcript to be sent to your prospective colleges.

Review your financial aid packages and weigh the pros and cons of the colleges that you are applying to.

Decide which college you will attend. Notify your counselor of your final decision.

Give your counselor a written copy of any scholarships that you are offered. These will be used for the graduation program.

You must request your final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending in the fall via [Parchment](#).