

# Sophomore/Junior Planning Timeline

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## September

- Apply to a military academy if interested (juniors). Contact your congressman/woman.
- Attend one of the numerous Minnesota Education Fairs held throughout the state during September, October and March.
- See college representatives who visit East Ridge. Sign up in *Naviance* at least 24 hours in advance.
- Register and prepare to take the PSAT (optional).
- Check to see that your high school courses meet graduation/college /career/NCAA requirements.

## October

- Attend the National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center October 24-25, 2018
- Take the pre-ACT, mock-ACT and/or PSAT at ERHS.
- Visit colleges during state teacher convention October 18-19, 2018.

## November

- Schedule a conference with your counselor to discuss post-high school plans.
- Consider participating in high school and/or community service activities.
- Research careers that interest you through *Naviance* and MCIS websites. Use the Road Trip Nation.

## December

- Review pre-ACT, mock-ACT or PSAT results for strengths and weaknesses. Develop an improvement plan.
- Meet with high school graduates that are home for the holidays.

## January

- January 26, 2019—attend the Saturday morning, Sophomore/Junior College Planning event at ERHS (9:00—12:00).
- Register and study for ACT or SAT.
- Consider your future plans as you register for next year's classes.
- Read about financial aid and local scholarship requirements in *Naviance*.
- Register for Advance Placement exams if appropriate.
- Watch the ERHS counseling website for summer opportunities on college campuses.

## February

- Review admission criteria and program offerings of colleges you are considering in *Naviance* and/or college websites. Add to *Naviance* the colleges you are considering.
- Contact the schools for more information.
- Arrange college visits that you are planning for spring break.

## March

- Explore possible college majors:
  - *Naviance* and MCIS (ERHS website) Comprehensive resources --free to ERHS students.
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - [www.myplan.com](http://www.myplan.com)
- Check with your counselor or the ERHS website for dates and locations of spring metro-area Minnesota Education Fairs. [www.mn-acac.org](http://www.mn-acac.org)
- Spring Break—visit colleges.

## April

- Apply for summer employment or volunteer opportunities.
- Continue to work for good grades or improve them.

## May

- Sign up for summer school enrichment or remediation work.
- Become familiar with local scholarships offered through East Ridge—all in *Naviance*.
- Consider job shadowing potential careers.
- Review several college applications to familiarize yourself with the kind of information you will need to supply in an application.
- Consult with your English teacher for appropriate summer reading.

## June, July, August

- Explore college options and visit campuses.
- Many colleges offer special summer tours for prospective students. Contact the admissions office.
- Continue your scholarship search including the financial aid/scholarship information on college websites and *Naviance*.
- Update (or create) your resume. *Naviance* and MCIS have templates.
- Visit with former graduates who are attending college.
- Practice the ACT, SAT, or PSAT tests for free through MCIS.

To access *Naviance* or MCIS, go to the Counseling Department on the East Ridge website. For *Naviance* - log in using your student ID number and the password on your schedule. For MCIS, the user name is **eastridgehs** and the password is **raptor**.