

College Search

- Familiarize yourself with general college entrance requirements. Talk to your guidance counselor or a UB Staff person.
- Start zeroing in on the type of college you prefer (rural, urban, suburban, small, large, public, or private).
- Write colleges and ask for their academic requirements for admissions.
- Continue to visit colleges: you may see something you like.
- Keep saving any extra money for college.
- Begin looking through college catalogs and research financial aid information.
- Take advantage of opportunities to visit colleges and talk to students. Summer vacation is a great time to visit colleges.

Career Search

- Participate in career development activities and career fairs.
- Refine your career choices and research them further.

Academics

- Take a second credit of classes such as English literature, algebra/geometry, biology, world history, geography, foreign language, government, civics, economics, and the arts.
- Continue to obtain good grades: your entire high school transcript is used to calculate your ending Grade Point Average (GPA). This may make a difference when applying for a college or receiving a scholarship.
- Inquire about taking Advanced Placement courses while in high school or dual credit for college.
- Continue setting personal and academic goals.
- Continue improving your study habits.
- Work on expanding your written communication skills.
- Continue working on improving your reading speed.
- Continue learning and practicing the elements of essay writing: formulating a thesis, an introduction and a conclusion.
- Expand your word knowledge and perfect your word usage. This will help you when taking college entrance exams.

Activities

- Continue to be involved in extracurricular activities (before or after school). Demonstrate initiative, creativity, commitment and leadership in each.
- Use your daily planner to prioritize your life and balance your personal, academic, and extra-curricular activities.
- Take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). You must register early. If you have difficulty paying the registration fee, see your guidance counselor or UB staff about a possible fee waiver.
- Take the ACT PLAN assessment.
- Learn to better communicate with parents – even about difficult issues. Open communication is very important when conveying your plans for the future.
- Do not be afraid to express your opinions and talk about sensitive subjects.