

Sophomore Checklist



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for college!

- Keep it up.** Study hard to keep your grades up.
- Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma's 529 college savings plan (OK4Saving.org) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in the parent's name.
- Last chance.** Don't miss out on Oklahoma's Promise! If you didn't sign up in the 8th or 9th grade, visit OKPromise.org for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program.
- Talk it up.** Continue your conversations with your guidance counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults about your plans after high school. Talk with family and friends about their educational choices.
- Know what you need.** Review what courses you'll need to take to satisfy the requirements of the school you're interested in attending. Visit OKhigherred.org to learn more.
- Take it to the next level.** Investigate AP and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.
- File it away.** Keep updating your "My future" file, which should contain the following items:

Copies of report cards	Lists of awards and honors
Lists of paid or volunteer school and community activities	Skill assessment quizzes and results
- Be active.** Continue participating in extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Many admissions officers look for students who actively participate in their school and community.
- Keep it up.** Stay involved in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts, science, etc. Check out the free Summer Academies offered to 8th - 12th grade students. Spend time at an Oklahoma college or university and learn about aeronautics, engineering, forensic science and much more. Contact OKhigherred.org/Summer-Academies or call 800.858.1840 for more information.
- PLAN.** Take the PLAN test (ACTStudent.org/plan/) to help you prepare for the ACT, which you can take during your junior year. The test evaluates your skills in English, math, reading and science reasoning. Ask your school counselor for more information.
- Hit the books.** Study for standardized tests like the ACT and SAT. Visit the Test Prep section at OKcollegestart.org for helpful resources. Visit UCanGo2.org/Students to find links for test locations and dates.
- Look into it.** Investigate your concurrent enrollment options. You may be able to enroll in college as a junior or senior, if you meet certain requirements. Check with your counselor for more information.
- Jot it down.** Write a pros and cons list of schools you're interested in attending. Be sure to evaluate degree programs, location, cost, etc. Need help? Check out the Explore Colleges section at OKcollegestart.org.