

# SOPHOMORES

## PLAN AHEAD & ALWAYS BE PREPARED!

### August to September:

Create a study plan! Your grades are important! Update your 4 year high school graduation plan. Remember it should be based on your college and career plans as well as your interests. Be an active student and join clubs or participate in extracurricular activities. Remember to volunteer throughout the year...there are a variety of organizations. Document this information in your Naviance Account by creating a resume.

### October:

Where do you want to go to college? Research colleges and create a list of all the colleges that interest you. Use your Naviance journal to keep notes. Begin research on scholarships. All Scholarships can be found in your Naviance Account under the Colleges Tab, Scholarships list. Also, take notes in Journal about requirements for scholarships offered during your Junior and Senior year. Take a Road Trip through your Naviance Account. Don't forget to attend the district College Fair! Take the PSAT test at school.

### November to December:

Explore! Visit colleges and talk to counselors and current college students. This will give you insight on what to expect at the college level. Complete the Strengths Explorer and Personality Profile in Naviance. Take the time to explore different careers and make a favorites list in Naviance. Start or update your resume in Naviance by adding your awards and honors, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Get information and create a list of questions for the college representatives that visit campus. You can find out what colleges will be here in the Naviance Account under Colleges Tab, College Visits.

Take advantage of the college representatives!

### January to May:

Review your PSAT scores and assess what areas need improvement. Review your 4 year high school degree plan and prepare your class selection for the next school year. Write a reflection of your sophomore year. Use your Naviance Account to set goals for your Junior year. Take the Career Interest Profile in your Naviance Account. Take on leadership positions in your clubs and activities. Make plans to visit a college or university during the summer!

### Summer:

Volunteer, work a summer job, or attend a summer camp! Continue your research on colleges, careers, and scholarships. Complete your summer reading for any Pre AP courses you have selected. Use your Naviance journal to reflect on your summer experiences. Also read something that interests you. Being an avid reader increases your vocabulary and SAT/ACT scores. Explore and visit a college! Have fun and be safe!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Twitter: @GRHSfuture



## RESOURCES

### COLLEGE READINESS

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com)  
[www.texascollegeandcareer.org](http://www.texascollegeandcareer.org)  
[www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com)  
[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

[www.aie.org](http://www.aie.org)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT/AP/SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### VOLUNTEER WORK

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)  
[www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)  
[www.volunteerhouston.org](http://www.volunteerhouston.org)

### NAVIANCE

- ◆ In your browser, type: [lcisd.org](http://lcisd.org)
- ◆ Select Students/Parents Tab
- ◆ In list on left, select Naviance
- ◆ Select George Ranch H.S.
- ◆ ID is student number (no letters)
- ◆ Password is birthdate in this format mm/dd/yy. Ex: 01/01/1998

## TERMINOLOGY

**GPA** the cumulative average of all of your high school grades from every course attempted throughout high school.

**RANK** your placement among the students in your class based on your GPA.

**PRE AP** preparatory classes for future AP coursework.

**AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT)** rigorous level of coursework preparing the student to take an AP exam in May in attempt to earn college credit.

**WEIGHT OF COURSE** this refers to the extra points earned for taking a rigorous level course.

**SAT/ACT** college entrance exams

**PSAT** Preliminary SAT test

**CBE** credit by exam, speak with your counselor about taking a test to earn credit.