



# BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## “PREP FOR COLLEGE” CHECKLIST FOR

### SOPHOMORES

#### Academics & Curriculum

- Focus on doing well in your classes. Your transcript is the most important factor in college admission decisions.
- Learn time management and study skills.
- Take time to meet with your teachers outside of class if you have questions or if you are curious about other areas related to the class. This shows teachers you are interested in learning the material.
- Set goals for your Junior year. Do you have a challenging class schedule? What activities will you continue your involvement in?
- Make up D and F grades on your transcript.

#### Naviance Family Connection

- Familiarize yourself with Naviance Family Connection: [www.tinyurl.com/bhhsnaviance](http://www.tinyurl.com/bhhsnaviance). It is a great resource and will serve as your college and career guidance tool.
- Start a resume in Naviance Family Connection: [www.connections.naviance.com/bhhs](http://www.connections.naviance.com/bhhs) (found in “about me” tab). Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Sophomore year.
- Take the career interest profiler survey (found in “careers” tab) to learn about yourself and possible careers and college majors that are right for you.

#### Fall Dates

Sept 29: PSAT Strategies Workshop  
Oct 4: Financial Aid Night  
Oct 10: PSAT at BHHS  
Oct 16: College Connections Fair

#### Extracurricular Activities

- Explore your extracurricular interests. Consider joining a club, sport, theatrical production, school publication, service learning project, or internship.
- Student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Learn about recruiting guidelines. Make sure you are meeting all eligibility requirements, especially taking college prep courses at BHHS.

#### College Search Process

- Research colleges using Naviance and add interesting colleges to your “colleges I’m thinking about” list.
- Check Naviance for upcoming college visits and sign up in Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting BHHS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Attend the College Connections Fair in October at BHHS.
- Attend the National College Fair in April in Pasadena.
- Visit colleges over winter and spring breaks and the summer.

#### College Admission Testing

- Take the PSAT offered at BHHS in October.
- Attend “PSAT Results/College Admissions Testing Night” presentation with your parents in January.
- Take a full length practice SAT or ACT offered at BHHS or at local test prep companies.
- Read, read, read! Reading is the best method of preparation for these tests.

### **Being Organized & Balanced**

- Learn to balance the demands of your academics, extracurricular interests, and social life.
- Start a resume in Naviance. Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Sophomore year.
- Set up a place and files for college materials. Purchase or borrow college books. Read materials to familiarize yourself with the college admission process and the language. If you need help finding appropriate college resource books, visit the College Center.

### **Other Important Notes**

- Always read emails from the [College Center](#) and the [Counseling Department](#) throughout the college process.
- Be productive over the [summer](#). You may consider getting a job or internship, taking courses at the college level, or engaging in service learning projects.
- Stay engaged in the college admissions process- subscribe to Ms. Rowley's blog ([www.collegecounselorowley.com](http://www.collegecounselorowley.com)) or like the BHHS College Center on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/bhhscollegecenter](http://www.facebook.com/bhhscollegecenter)).