

Freshman & Sophomore College Planning Goals

- Set and regularly review personal and academic goals.
- Establish strong study habits and skills. Learn to get help immediately when difficulties arise.
- Establish time management techniques and skills. Begin to develop and use day/week planner.
- Develop a reading plan that includes newspaper, magazines, and books.
- Work to enhance your reading and writing abilities and vocabulary proficiency.
- Keep your grades up.
- Plan your sophomore year (and every year) academic schedule with care. Take classes appropriate for you. Push yourself but know your limits. Colleges look carefully at your classes (and not just your grades). A strong college preparatory program balanced with courses in English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Foreign Language is important.
- Investigate extracurricular activities in which you would like to participate. Keep an up-to-date activities resume.
- Enjoy school not only as a prelude to college, but also as a place where you are developing as a student and a person.
- Think about your interests and how those interests might translate into career options. But keep your career options open. Investigate all possibilities.
- Pay attention to what friends and others are saying about their college experiences. Think about your own goals for college.
- Visit with your college counselor to learn more about college planning resources available at Sion.
- Consider an interesting summer job, travel, community service, or other learning experience. Cultivate unique interests, employment, and leadership opportunities.
- Develop relationships with teachers, counselors, and administrators.