

## Freshman and Sophomore Timeline

### Fall

- **Get involved in extracurricular activities.** College admission officers and scholarship committees want to see applications from students who are involved in their schools and communities.
- **Start a list of all of your involvement, awards, and recognitions.** Update it each semester. Put it in a folder or notebook so it is easy to find for later use.
- **Take career interest inventories** to explore what your interests are and what you may enjoy doing. Go to [learnmoreindiana.org](http://learnmoreindiana.org) for more information. Also, talk to your counselor about your interests.
- **Explore college websites** to learn more about admission requirements and programs that interest you.
- **Take the PSAT in October.** All sophomores in Indiana are given the test for free at school. This assessment is great practice for the SAT that will be taken in the junior year. This test is also used to determine if students are qualified for dual high school/college credit classes and which AP courses are best.

### Spring

- **Meet with your school counselor to make sure your classes are in line with your college and career goals.** Discuss with your school counselor what opportunities may be available for Advanced Placement, dual high school/college credit, and honors courses.
- **Start talking to your parents and counselors about your academic and college plans.** Keep an open dialogue with your parents about what your interests are and where you may want to go to college. If college is not for you then try to come up with some goals for your future.
- **Talk with your family about the options available for paying for college,** and start a college savings plan together.
- **If you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar,** make sure you have completed all the steps required in your Scholar Success program.