

LYONS HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST 2011-2012

___ Get good grades! Grades matter! Colleges want to see your class rank, GPA, & test scores. If you have good grades, you will have more options after graduation.

___ Continue to update your 4-Year Academic Plan. Go to www.collegeincolorado.org

___ Be aware of graduation requirements (you received a copy of your credit review during registration last year) & start researching college admission requirements / majors for schools you are interested in by checking out their websites. Remember that you must have 3 years of Math (Algebra I or higher) & 3 years of Science for graduation. (Several 4 yr. Universities require 4 years Math for admission).

___ Be aware that earning a D may not constitute completion at some colleges/ universities. If you earn a D or F you may need to repeat a class or take it in summer school in order to meet High Sch. Grad requirements &/or College entrance requirements.

___ Think about career/major choices. If you would like to do a free Personality/Career profile online, go to www.collegeincolorado.org

___ Attend **College Fair(s)**:

Future Fair College & Financial Aid sessions: Wed., 9/28, 4-7 Skyline High School

Saturday College Fair & Workshops: Sat., 10/15 ,10:00-2:00 Douglas County HS, Castle Rock

Out of State College Nights: Wed, 10/12 , 6:30-8:30 Monarch HS or Thur, 10/13, 6:30-8:30 Kennedy HS

St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair: Thurs, 10/27, 6:30-8:00 @ Skyline High School

___ Register /take the **PSAT/NMSQT** test in the fall to practice test taking skills. Cost is \$15. Registration Deadline: Mon, Sept. 19, 2011 (register in the office, it is first come first serve as we have a specific # of test slots). **PSAT Test is Wed, October 12th** @ Lyons.

___ Take the **PLAN** test. This is required for all 10th graders & we will register for you. Test is **Tuesday, November 1st** @ Lyons M/S. This prepares you for the ACT in the future.

___ Be involved in an extra-curricular activity or volunteerism. Document your hours and keep a log. You will need this for scholarship applications when you are a senior.

___ Develop solid study habits and time management skills. Visit www.how-to-study.com for some great study and test taking ideas!!!

___ Read a lot! Keep writing, too! Work on your math skills.

___ Maintain good grades and sign up for challenging courses each year of high school.

___ Get a summer job to gain experience and help pay for college.

___ Visit colleges you might be interested in attending. Plan your vision for life after Lyons High School!!!

Great Websites to Help Prepare and Plan for College/Career College/Scholarship/Career Search/ Test Prep/ Financial Aid

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.mystudentedge.com (Access code for Lyons High School:WYNLCXPU)

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.going2college.org

www.college.gov

www.schoolsoup.com

www.zinch.com

www.xap.com

College Search (to find the right college to fit you)

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.wiche.edu (Western Undergraduate Exchange Program- out of state reduced tuition rates)

www.anycollege.com (college: search, videos, scholarship)

www.cappex.com (college: recruit, scholarship, chances of admission)

www.mycollegeoptions.org (college: search, scholarships, advice, researching majors/careers)

www.questbridge.org (college matching for low income high achieving students)

www.campustours.com & www.Ecampustours.com (virtual tours, interactive campus maps)

www.mymajors.com (college: major/career quiz, information, planning)

www.commonapp.org (single point application process for participating colleges)

www.collegeanswer.com (college: preparing, selecting, applying, paying, deciding)

Financial Aid/Scholarship (to help pay for college)

www.fafsa.ed.gov (Free Application for Fed. Student Financial Aid- apply after Jan. 1st)

www.collegeincolorado.org (College Opportunity Fund)

www.stvrain.k12.co.us (Academics & Program tab select Counseling)

www.collegeinvest.org

www.finaid.org (estimated family contribution)

www.salliemae.com (step by step financial aid application & loans)

www.fastweb.com (also job search and military options)

www.fastaid.com

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.meritaid.com (merit based scholarships)

www.gmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholars)

www.latinocollegedollars.org (scholarships for Latino students)

www.guidetofreeeducation.com

http://roybal-allard.house.gov/UploadedFiles/2008_Scholarship_Guide.pdf (lots of information)

Test Prep (free help for ACT/SAT test preparation)

www.actstudent.org (ACT)

www.collegeboard.com (SAT/Advanced Placement/PSAT)

www.number2.com

www.princetonreview.com

Student Athletes - NCAA Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org (for student athletes attending a Division 1 or Division 2 college)