

# Its never too early to start thinking about college



Recently, I have been hearing parents say, “we don't think about college until the spring of junior year.” Unfortunately, the emphasis on junior year performance lulls many students into thinking that if they're serious about getting admitted to a good college, junior year is the time to kick things into gear. There are a wealth of things you can do in your first two years of high school that will not only be significant accomplishments in and of themselves but also set you up for extremely successful junior and senior years. Be on top of your grades. A few minor slip-ups on your transcript freshman year won't put you out of the race for a selective college.

- ❖ **Challenge yourself.** As high schools offer more and more AP and IB classes, and self-studying these exams become increasingly common even among first-year students and sophomores
- ❖ **Get involved in extracurriculars early.** Dedication and passion are valued highly by admissions officers when it comes to extracurriculars
- ❖ **Utilize your summers.** The importance of using summers effectively cannot be overemphasized. A great way to utilize your summers as a rising sophomore or junior is to volunteer
- ❖ **It's never too early to apply for scholarships**
- ❖ **Start thinking about colleges.** Even if college feels a lifetime away as a freshman or sophomore, you'll be filling out those applications before you know it.

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