



Our Lady of the Elms High School

College Planning Guide

Sophomore Year

[What you can do now to take an active stance!]

_____ Focus on academics; take appropriate challenging classes and earn your best grades.

_____ Continue to read, read, read.

_____ Begin talking with college reps who visit the Elms in the fall.

_____ Attend college fairs.

_____ Take the practice PSAT [administered in October to all Elms sophomores] and consider a brief preparatory class.

_____ Begin thinking about personal interests, strengths, and possible college majors.

_____ Explore careers and their entrance requirements

_____ View college websites to look at curricula.

_____ Save your best work in academic courses; sometimes colleges ask to see it.

_____ Continue participation in activities both on and off campus.

_____ Volunteer to grow your character and apply your untapped skills.

_____ Continuously update your resume on Naviance.

_____ Attend (a) summer college program(s) to broaden your learning.

_____ Visit potential colleges during the summer between your sophomore and junior years.

_____ Use your summer to prepare for your junior year October PSAT, which qualifies students for National Merit status.

_____ See your counselor.