

Malibu High School
“PREP FOR COLLEGE” CHECKLIST FOR SOPHOMORES

Academics & Curriculum

- Focus on doing well in your classes. Your transcript is the most important factor in college admission decisions.
- Learn time management and study skills.
- Take time to meet with your teachers outside of class if you have questions or if you are curious about other areas related to the class. This shows teachers you are interested in learning the material.
- Set goals for your Junior year. Do you have a challenging class schedule? What activities will you continue your involvement in?
- Make up D and F grades on your transcript.

Naviance

- Familiarize yourself with Naviance. It is a great resource and will serve as your college and career guidance tool.
- Start a resume (found in “about me” tab). Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Sophomore year.
- Take the career interest profiler and personality type (found in “careers” tab) to learn about yourself and possible careers and college majors that are right for you.

Extracurricular Activities

- Explore your extra-curricular interests. Consider joining a club, sport, theatrical production, school publication, community service project, or internship.
- Student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Learn about recruiting guidelines. Make sure you are meeting all eligibility requirements, especially taking college prep courses at MHS.

College Search Process

- Research colleges using Naviance and add interesting colleges to your “colleges I’m thinking about” list.
- Check the CCC website for upcoming college visits and sign up on Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting Malibu HS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Attend the Samohi College Fair in October.
- Attend the National College Fair in Pasadena or Ventura in April: www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/
- Visit colleges over winter and spring breaks and the summer.

College Admission Testing

- Take the PSAT offered at MHS in October.
- Take a Mock SAT or ACT.
- Read, read, read! Reading is the best method of preparation for these tests.

Being Organized & Balanced

- Learn to balance the demands of your academics, extracurricular interests, and social life.
- Start a resume in Naviance. Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Sophomore year.
- Set up a place and files for college materials. Purchase or borrow college books. Read materials to familiarize yourself with the college admission process and the language. If you need help finding appropriate college resource books, visit the College and Career Center.

Other Important Notes

- Be productive over the summer. You may consider getting a job or internship, taking courses at the college level, or engaging in community service.
- Regularly visit the MHS College and Career Center website for notices and events.
- Malibu High School’s CEEB Code is **051-896**. You will need this for SAT/ACT registration and college applications.