



Sophomore Timeline

Outcomes

- Participants will have awareness of curriculum and upcoming activities available to sophomores.
- Families will have ideas on how to best support their sophomore in the postsecondary planning process.
- Students will know how to utilize resources provided to assist in the postsecondary planning process.

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Sophomore Counseling Curriculum

- Gathering Information & Comparing Postsecondary Options
- Career Pathways Research
- Course Planning
- Postsecondary Planning

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Fall Activities

- Focus on doing your best in your classes
 - *Grades = Money in the eyes of colleges*
- Get involved (or stay involved) in extracurricular activities
- Attend College Visits (*The PARC*)
- Register for AP Testing (*if applicable*)
- Review the Program Planning Guide & be mindful when choosing future courses

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Career Takeover 2025

Nov. 6, 2025

- Career Takeover returns this year, with even more opportunities for students to connect with professionals in their field
- **EVERY HUSKIE** gets to take part in this important activity!
- More information will be shared in the coming weeks



*Interested
in possibly
speaking at
Career
Takeover?*

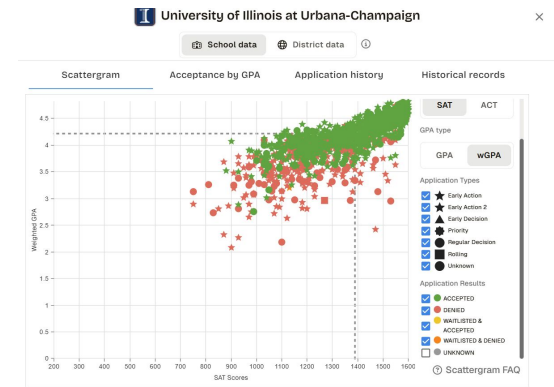


2nd Annual Career Takeover



Winter Activities

- Continue to make academics a priority
- Use SchooLinks to explore careers & colleges
 - Careers: [SchooLinks Interest Inventories](#)
 - Colleges: [College Search Tool](#) & [Scattergrams](#)
- Select Courses for Junior Year
 - Use the [Program Planning Guide](#) to research courses
 - Check out options like [Dual Credit](#) & [TCD](#)



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Spring/Summer Activities

- Prepare to Take the P-ACT 10
- Attend college fairs & visit campuses
- Track your experiences in SchooLinks
- Make sure your Student Profile in SchooLinks is up-to-date
- Finish Sophomore Year Strong!

Looking for something to do this summer?

Consider getting a part-time job, volunteering, or attending a pre-college program.

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COLLEGE-BOUND ATHLETES

- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
- Check with your counselor or Ms. Murray to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org and or and or register with the NAIA eligibility center at PlayNAIA.org.

Click here for more details

[25-26 College-Bound Athletes](#)





Supporting Your Sophomore

SchoolLinks Parent Observer Accounts

The screenshot shows the SchoolLinks Guardian Dashboard. At the top, there is a green header with the SchoolLinks logo, a button to "Join Your Alumni/Professional Network", and icons for user profile (KN), email, notifications, help, and settings. A left sidebar contains icons for STUDENTS, COLLEGES, CAREERS, and FINANCES. The main content area is titled "Guardian Dashboard" and shows the user "Maya Junior" with a profile picture and the text "Last Login an hour Ago". Below this, it lists "Grade 12th Grade" and "School SchoolLinks High School". To the right, there is a section "Active Casefile Section To Dos" with a dropdown menu to "Choose a different section". This section lists several categories: "Planning" (Course Plans, Personalized Plans, Goals), "Accountability & Performance" (Readiness Indicators, Test Scores), "Student Activities" (Assessments), "College" (College Lists & Favorites), "Career" (Certifications), "Finance" (College Costs), and "Other Documents".

Join Your Alumni/Professional Network >

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Visiting Colleges

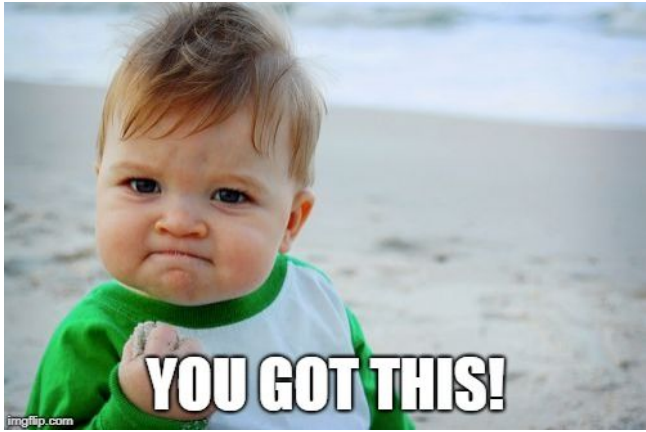


- There is great value in seeing a college in person!
- Check a school's Admissions Office website about upcoming visit opportunities.
- Make sure if you visit a campus, you make it "official"
Either take an official tour from Admissions, or visit the Admissions Office to let them know you are on campus (**Demonstrated Interest**)
- There is also great value in checking out a schools website or virtual tour.

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Social / Emotional Support



- **Encourage** your student(s) to consider multiple different postsecondary options
- **Be supportive and communicate openly** with your student(s) about the options they're considering
- **Be patient** with your student(s) - they still have lots of time to figure out what their next steps will be

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Sophomore Responsibilities

Complete a Career Interest Inventory

- Typically presented in a quiz format
- Uses students likes & dislikes to find possible career matches

Free Career Interest Inventories include:

- *Find Your Path* ([SchoolLinks](#))
- *Would You Rather?* ([SchoolLinks](#))
- [O*NET Interest Profiler](#)
- [Career OneStop](#)

Sophomore Responsibilities



Favorite Colleges in SchoolLinks

Search for a location, school, or program...

Search This Area

Filter By

School Type 2 Campus Test Scores My Chances VR Degree Type Sports Graduation Rate

Illinois Public Private

Graduation Rate: 73.7% Christian Life College Mount Prospect, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 72.7% DePaul University Chicago, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 72.7% Illinois State University Normal, IL | Public

Graduation Rate: 72.0% Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 71.0% Lake Forest College Lake Forest, IL | Private

Graduation Rate: 69.7% Illinois College Jacksonville, IL | Private

Map view showing locations of colleges in Illinois.

Sophomore Responsibilities



Clean Up Social Media



Sophomore Responsibilities



- [NCompass](#)
Dist. 203 Postsecondary Planning Guide
- [In-School College Visits](#)
Instructions on how students can attend in-school college visits
 - [Upcoming College Visits](#) (Calendar for the next week)
 - [Upcoming College Visits](#) (Alpha list of ALL upcoming visits)
- [On-Campus College Visit Tips](#)
Tips for students planning to visit college campuses
- [Guide for College-Bound Athletes \(NCAA / NAIA\)](#)

Additional Resources



Sign-up for the new NNHS Student Services Remind Group!

Text @nnhsdoss to 81010

REMIND





Upcoming Opportunities

- **Sept. 13:** [NACAC National College Fair @ Navy Pier \(Chicago\)](#)
A national college fair, featuring more than 200 colleges & universities from across the country.
- **Sept. 18:** [Technology Center DuPage Open House \(Addison\)](#)
An opportunity for students & families to learn what TCD has to offer.
- **Oct. 14:** [Illinois Regional College Fair @ College of DuPage \(Glen Ellyn\)](#)
Another college fair opportunity, bringing in additional colleges & universities from across the country.
- **Nov 6: 2nd Annual Career Takeover (NNHS)**
An even more robust career exploration activity to help students in choosing classes for the upcoming school year!



Evening Schedule

Room	Session 1 (6:00 - 6:35pm)	Session 2 (6:40 - 7:15pm)	Session 3 (7:20 - 7:55pm)
Large Cafe	Senior Year Overview	What's Next?	What's Next?
Small Cafe	Junior Timeline	Postsecondary Resources	Postsecondary Resources
Learning Commons	Sophomore Timeline	Counselor Connection (A - Lez)	Counselor Connection (Lf - Z)

Next Sessions

