SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST

◘ Talk about your goals.
The more people you tell, the more support you will have to help you reach your college and career goals.

◘ Do well in school.
Continue taking challenging courses and keep your grades up. If a course is difficult, seek help from a teacher or a tutor,

◘ Read as much as possible.
Reading will build your vocabulary and help prepare you for standardized tests.

◘ Start a college search file.
Include testing information, your brag sheet, letters of recommendation and report cards as well as college brochures and literature.

◘ Attend college and career fairs.
Meet with college representatives, ask questions and gather information.

◘ Visit college campuses.
Find out when admissions tours are offered and visit those colleges that interest you. Visiting schools will help you determine whether the size, location, and personality are right for you.

◘ Stay involved.
Keep active in extracurricular activities and begin thinking about in which activities you might want to take a leadership role.

◘ Sign up for the PSAT.
GPISD offers the PSAT to all sophomores free of cost.

◘ Sign up for summer programs.
◘ *Apply to participate in summer enrichment programs, camps, internships and/or youth leadership programs. You'll meet new people who might be able to help prepare you for college.*

◘ Gather recommendations.
Ask your employer or camp counselor for a letter of recommendation that you can include when you apply for college. Keep in touch with teachers who have had an impact on your education.

◘ Save, save, save!
Continue putting money away from college and investing in your college plan.

◘ Seek out scholarships.
Fill out as many scholarship applications as possible and submit them by required deadlines.

◘ Consider getting a job.
Not only is this a great way to add to your savings, but it can be a great source for references and recommendations. It's also another activity to add to your brag sheet.