



## Sophomore Year Action Plan

A Plan to Make Your College Dreams Come True

(adapted from College Board)

### Fall

#### Plan for the Year Ahead

- Meet with our PiCED Coordinator or your high school counselor to discuss your plans for the rest of high school. Keep in mind possible college plans. Review your schedule with him/her to make sure you are enrolled in challenging classes that will help you prepare for college.
- Colleges prefer 4 years of English, History, Math, and Science.

#### Get Involved with Extracurriculars

- Get more involved with your extracurricular activities like clubs, sports, religious groups, or other organizations. Think about taking on bigger roles to develop leadership skills that will be appealing to colleges.
- Invest your time in quality activities; don't worry about the quantity of groups you participate in.

#### Know Yourself

- Take personality and inventory tests to better understand your strengths and weaknesses. These could be good indicators of possible majors and career paths that you are well suited for. The Myers Brigg and VAK learning styles tests are good examples. PiCED offers many of these types of surveys.

#### Consider Taking the PSAT/NMSQT

- Sign up for the PSAT which is given in October. Ask your high school counselor or PiCED Student Coordinator which dates and schools the test is offered.

### Winter

#### Hone in On Your Skills

- Focus on keeping your grades high to maintain a good GPA. If you are struggling with a subject, seek extra help with tutoring and look into enrichment courses. (PiCED offers many courses during the summer.)
- Develop good study habits and learning skills. Talk to your PiCED Student Coordinator about the best study practices.

#### Begin Exploring

- Create an account at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to begin exploring your college options and to understand the application process.
- Find out about college firsthand from college friends and relatives who are home for the holidays.



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#### Stay Focused

- Sign up for college preparatory courses and SAT preparatory courses. PiCED features both types of courses throughout the year.
- Practice your organizational skills and stay organized all semester. Make to-do lists and use a school planner.
- Apply for National Honor Society. NHS is a great way to build leadership and serve your community through volunteerism.

#### Explore Summer Options

- Look for a great summer opportunity like a job, an internship, or a volunteer position. PiCED offers the *YES! Internship* program and has many summer school enrichment courses.
- Check with your PiCED Student Coordinator or your high school counselor, or search online, to find out about summer school programs and intensives for high school students held at colleges.
- Try to match internships or special programs to your interests or career possibilities.

### Summer

#### Make the Most of Your Break

- Finalize your summer plans.
- Follow through and take the summer enrichment classes you researched.
- Start a summer reading list. Ask your teachers to recommend books.
- If you are off island, plan to visit college campuses to get a good feel for your options and get a sense of college life.