

## Sophomore Checklist

- All Sophomores will have the opportunity to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) on October 2015. Test fees are \$15 due by Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to Pattie Dack. Free PSAT prep is available through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).
- Consider applying for the Hugh O'Brien Summer Leadership Program.
- Monitor your progress toward earning the Millennium Scholarship—  
<http://nevada.treasurer.gov/millennium/> Students need a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or an ACT score of 21.
- Prepare for the Math and English End of Course Exams (EOCs) in the spring.
- Begin researching post-secondary schools.
- Talk with your parents, teachers, and counselors about a variety of jobs/careers.
- Review PSAT results to determine areas of strengths/and improvements.
- Meet with your counselor in the spring to review your Educational Plan and to register for courses for your junior year.
- Discuss course options with your parents and how they related to post-secondary options.
- Consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses in your junior year.
- Check your credits –you should have 12 credits at the end of your sophomore year.
- Visit local college campuses with your parents and take visitor tours during the summer after 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Check the school's job board for summer employment opportunities.
- Remember to read during the summer! – <http://www.collegeboard.com/>

### Parents--Continue to:

- Access the school website for guidance information, details about parent nights, and programs and opportunities. [www.dcsd.k12.nv.us/dhs](http://www.dcsd.k12.nv.us/dhs)
- Monitor your child's grades—have your child access teacher for tutoring.
- Make sure your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Encourage your child to explore career opportunities utilizing the Nevada Career Information System (NCIS) – [www.nvcis.intocareers.org](http://www.nvcis.intocareers.org)
- Consider contributing to a college savings plan. Website-  
<http://nevadatreasurer.gov/College>
- Encourage your child to stay involved in school and community-based extra curricular activities. Including sports, music and clubs.
- Help your child update resume file.