

## Sophomore Checklist

- Challenge yourself academically. What you take is as important as the grade you make.
- Develop good study habits and time management skills.
- Talk to your counselor about how grade point averages and ranking affect your record and your opportunities for college and jobs.
- Talk to adults in a variety of professions to determine what they like and dislike about their jobs, and what kind of education is needed for each job
- Get involved in community and school extracurricular activities. It is your right to share ownership of Guthrie CSD. Colleges are very interested in your community service record. Visit your counselor to get a list of clubs and organizations. Get involved in church or other activities outside of school
- Take the PLAN test. Plan is a practice test for the ACT and also contains an interest inventory that gives you valuable career information. The test is given in October. Talk to your counselor about registration.
- Take the PSAT. ALL sophomores at GCD will be taking this test (FREE!).
- Plan your 11th grade year with your counselor in the spring. Update your 4-year plan based upon your chosen career pathway.
- Begin planning your post high school education with your parents. Visit with Lynn Hill, Counselor.
- Take advantage of opportunities to visit colleges and to talk to college students.

### *HELPFUL WEBSITES*

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com),  
[www.schoolsintheusa.com](http://www.schoolsintheusa.com), [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org),  
[www.usnews.com/usnews/edu](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu),