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## SOPHOMORE YEAR TO DO LIST



### *What You Should be Doing to Prepare for College and College Soccer*

- Study -- Study – Study -----Improve your GPA.
- Identify schools that interest you.
- Participate in ODP - Coaches rely on what they see and hear at ODP camps.
- Coaches rely on what they see and hear at quality club team tournaments.
- Do **NOT** depend exclusively on athletic scholarships.
- Practice *on your own* -- fundamentals and ball skills.
- Realize that coaches do very little scouting of high school games.
- Develop a rapport with your teachers, counselors, principal, etc.
- Develop your vocabulary

### **AUGUST**

- What is your Weighted GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ Un-weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your academic curriculum.
- Confirm you are meeting NCAA core course requirements -- GPA based on these classes.
- Take "academic" electives -- languages / mathematics / sciences.

### **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER**

- Read the NCAA publication -- *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete*
- Read the NCAA publication -- *NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse*
- Involve yourself in extracurricular activities -- clubs / honor society / church group.

### **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

- Take the PSAT -- Experience taking tests.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your academic curriculum for Spring

### **JANUARY - MAY**

- Consider ACT and SAT study materials and/or tutoring services.
- Assess your abilities (academic and soccer) -- find schools that "FIT" your needs.
- Develop your college "wish-list" -- 10-15 schools.
- Prepare a cover letter.