



9TH GRADE CHECKLIST

Fall (September - November)

- Learn about college admission (like A-G requirements).
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss what you can do today to plan for college.
- Get a jump on college prep by choosing a challenging class schedule with honors and/or AP classes.
- Show colleges you are a well-rounded student by getting involved in extracurricular activities.
- Create a journal to record your extracurricular activities, test scores and awards. This will be helpful when you start applying to colleges.
- Become familiar with high school graduation requirements.
- Develop good study habits that will stay with you all four years and beyond.

Winter (December - February)

- Explore colleges/universities. What kinds of schools should you be looking for?
- Worried about how you'll pay for college? You can prepare by becoming familiar with financial aid and scholarship options.
- Find volunteer activities that are good for you and good for the world.
- Begin to explore careers: what experience or education is required?

Spring (March - June)

- Refocus your study habits and finish the year off right.
- Build your college credentials by planning fun ways to get involved this summer.
- Set yourself up for college success with a sophomore class schedule that emphasizes college.
- Consider summer school courses if any of your classes need to be remediated.

Summer

- Explore jobs and careers that interest you.
- Visit colleges to start finding things you like and don't like about campuses.
- Prepare for a new year by finishing your summer reading.