

## Freshman Year College Readiness Checklist

	<p><b>Plan a challenging program of classes to take.</b> The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself. Are you signing up for advanced classes, honors sections, or accelerated sequences? Are you choosing electives that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities? Or are you doing just enough to get by? Colleges will be more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in easy ones.</p>
	<p><b>Create a file of important documents and notes.</b> Copies of report cards and certificates, lists of awards and honors, and lists of school and community activities in which you are involved, including both paid and volunteer work with descriptions of your responsibilities.</p>
	<p><b>Get involved</b> with academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts, and science.</p>
	<p><b>Stay active</b> in clubs, activities, and sports that you enjoy. Colleges look at more than just your academic record for admission. It's important that you demonstrate your abilities outside of the classroom, too.</p>
	<p><b>Familiarize yourself with Naviance.</b> Begin exploring interest inventories, self-assessments, and college and career options.</p>