

College and Career Preparation: 9TH GRADE

- ★ Meet with your counselor to discuss course selections and high school success
- ★ Develop a four year high school and post high school plan – you may change the plan, but start thinking about the future
- ★ Be aware of what it takes to be successful in high school:
 - Keep track of your assignments
 - Know who can help you if you're struggling
 - Stick to regular study habits
- ★ Keep track of your awards, honors, paid or volunteer work, and extracurricular activities
- ★ Begin to assess your career interests through an interest inventory with Minnesota Career Info System mncis.intocareers.org
 - username: chaska password: hawks
 - username: chanhassen password: goblue
- ★ Get involved in activities, athletics or school clubs
- ★ Start to understand basic college options and admission requirements
- ★ Talk with your family about saving and paying for college

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College and Career Preparation: Every Year

Take the most challenging classes you can handle and keep focused on your school work.

Most colleges require 4 years of English and math, 3 years of social studies and science, and many require 2 years of a world language.

Be involved in school or community activities that you enjoy.

Consider working or volunteering to create a strong résumé. Some places of employment have tuition reimbursement options.

Remember it's important not to overdo it. It is better to have experiences that are of value to you. You can't do it all, so choose carefully.

Enroll in a summer program: See your counselor for a list of options.

Keep track of your academic, athletic, work and volunteering along with other achievements – you need this information when you build your résumé.

Talk to family, teachers and mentors about their career path and high school success.

Keep your grades up to attain the highest GPA possible. All of your grades count towards your cumulative GPA.

Review your graduation planner and transcript for accuracy and to make sure you are on track to graduate.

Know what is required for high school graduation.

