



COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST FOR FRESHMAN

- 1. Schedule an appointment via email with your school counselor at least twice a year to make sure your courses fit the Academic Pathway you wish to follow through in high school.
- 2. Check out [Launch Your Plan](#) and [Get There Florida for Career & Technical Education](#) for more information.
- 3. Attend the Sarasota / Manatee Fall College Fair if available.
- 4. If you plan on attending a four-year university in the State of Florida after graduation, remember that you may need to complete two credits of the same foreign language during your high school years.
- 5. Become familiar with SMA's Student Services and resources online and posted on our website: www.sarasotamilitaryacademy.org
- 6. Develop good study habits. Set goals!
- 7. Begin researching your career choices and the educational requirements of your career interests in your JROTC class and complete the JROTC cadet portfolio, profile, college and career plan.
- 8. Whether you are considering attending a four-year university, Suncoast Technical College (STC), or State College of Florida, learn about the scholarship opportunities that may be available to you. Be sure you investigate the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org - If you have questions regarding this or other scholarship programs, see your school counselor.
- 9. Participate in a varied program of extracurricular activities. Choose at least one extracurricular activity, club or sport.
- 10. Complete 25 hours of community service every year. You will need **75 to graduate and 100 for Bright Futures Scholarship**. Logs located in the main office. Submit to the registrar.
- 11. Visit the website of the postsecondary institute that you are interested in attending and plan your high school studies with that college's admission requirements in mind.