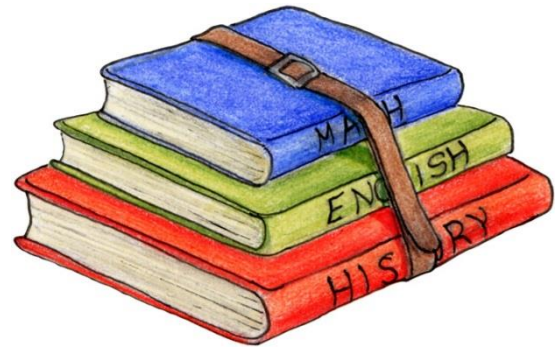


9TH GRADE/FRESHMAN YEAR

TALK TO YOUR TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS

Talk to your [guidance counselor](#) (or teachers, if you don't have access to a guidance counselor) about the following:

- Attending a postsecondary school
- Establishing your college preparatory classes; your schedule should consist of at least 4 college preparatory classes per year, including:
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of math (through Algebra II or trigonometry)
 - 2 years of foreign language
 - 2 years of natural science
 - 2 years of history/social studies
 - 1 year of art
 - 1 year of electives from the above list



Enrolling in algebra or geometry classes and a foreign language for both semesters (most colleges have math and foreign language requirements)

START KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR DOCUMENTS

Create a file of the following documents and notes:

- Copies of report cards
- List of awards and honors
- List of school and community activities in which you are involved, including both paid and volunteer work, and descriptions of what you do

START THINKING ABOUT THE COLLEGES

Start exploring your college options and thinking about the colleges you might want to attend. Once you have narrowed down the list of postsecondary schools in which you are interested, consider taking a tour of the campuses.