

Four Year College & Career Readiness Plan

9th Grade Checklist

Freshman year, you will want to find out all of the things your school has to offer, become involved in activities, create your goals, and get off to the right start. We are here to help.

Fall	<p>Get involved Extracurricular activities (both school and non-school sponsored) are an important part of high school. Make the effort to get involved with groups, clubs, or teams that interest you. These activities are fun, make you a well- rounded student, and help create your resume of experiences for postsecondary applications. A complete list of clubs and organizations can be found on the school websites.</p> <p>Make the grade Get off to a good start with your grades because they will impact your grade point average (GPA) and class rank. Although college seems like a long way off right now, grades really do count toward college admissions and scholarships. At this stage in the game, you are laying the foundation for your high school career. Freshman year is a time to establish your academic and extracurricular credentials. You should also begin to explore options for your career or further education.</p>
Winter	<p>Meet your counselor Your counselor is ready and willing to help you make sense of your college and career options. As soon as you can, set up a meeting to talk about your plans for high school and the future.</p> <p>Explore your interests and possible careers Discuss your skills and interests with your school counselor and take advantage of numerous Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities at your school.</p>
Spring/Summer	<p>Build your credentials Keep track of academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, and anything else you participate in so it will be easier to remember later. It will come in handy when you want to highlight your accomplishments—such as when you are filling out college applications or creating a resume.</p> <p>Start learning about colleges and careers Look at the college and career information available in your counselor’s office, school, and public libraries. Use the internet to check out college and career websites. You may even want to start a list of colleges that might interest you.</p> <p>Make summer count There are plenty of ways to have fun and build your credentials during the summer such as volunteering, getting a job, or signing up for an enrichment program.</p>