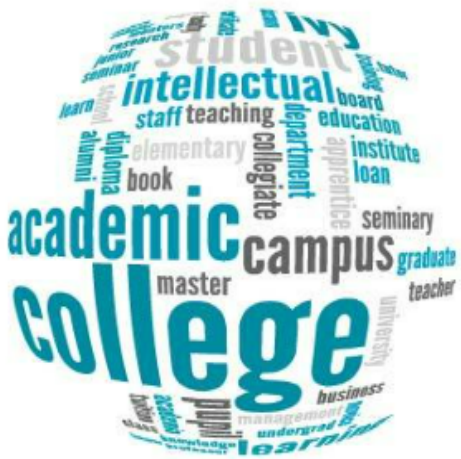

9th & 10th GRADE

Post-Secondary Planning Checklist

Testing: Required: STAAR End-of-Course Exams:

English I(9th), English II(10th)

Algebra I (8th or 9th),

Biology (9th or 10th)

Recommended: TSIA-2: For Dual Credit Entry

__ Register for courses that will challenge you and interest you the most. Course selection takes place in Feb.

__ Learn the difference between Honors, Dual Credit, and AP courses to determine which is best for you.

__ If you are interested in advanced academics, pay close attention to the dual credit program requirements including taking the TSIA-2 (a college entrance exam).

__ Learn how your GPA will be computed. Grades matter!

__ Get to know your counselor and registrar.

__ Visit with adults to find out what they like/dislike about their jobs and what education is needed.

__ Become familiar with the district website resources so you can research college and career information: Texas Gear Up. Texas On Course. Texas Reality Check. Major Clarity. Clever CCMR Pages.

__ Start thinking about your dream career and check out career websites.

___ Begin to think about your plans after high school: College, Career, or Military. Take courses at high school that will best prepare you for your dream.

__ Participate in the College Fair and Career Day events.

__ Become involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities outside of school (keep a record). Decide what leadership roles you would like to attain as an upperclassmen.

__ Collect your personal information in a folder. (log volunteer activities, awards, resume, report cards, certificates, four-year plans, IBCs, test scores.) in a folder or portfolio.

__ Do your best on state testing STAAR/EOC (End of Course exams).

__ Become familiar with your Career & Technical electives, your program of study and the industry based certifications (IBC) that you will have an opportunity to earn..

__ Become familiar with college entrance requirements and learn about college bound testing (SAT, ACT, TSIA-2 and ASVAB)