

9th Grade Milestones

Activity

Check all that you have accomplished so far.

Actions

- Begin taking aligned courses to a personalized education and career plan (e.g., a focus area or CTE course of study)
- Have a conversation with parents/guardians about the costs of postsecondary and how you will plan for those costs (e.g., creating a savings account)
- Experiment with different organizational and study methods to see what works best for you
- Try something new to expand personal skills or interests (e.g., sport, club, course)
- Schedule an annual meeting with a school counselor to update your postsecondary plan
- Have conversations with teachers, family members, and other adult mentors to talk through your college and career interests
- Become involved with school student organizations, clubs, or teams
- Learn about eligibility criteria for honor societies, special diplomas, certifications, or other merit-awards
- Start a resume to document extra-curricular activities and accomplishments, work experience, and skills
- Participate in college and career exploration experiences (e.g., campus visits, hands-on events, college and career fairs, school-based enterprise, industry specific exposure)
- Volunteer in your community and/or in a professional field related to your academic, personal, or career interests

Knowledge

- I understand the connection between GPA, ACT, or SAT scores and their impact on early postsecondary opportunities and postsecondary admission, scholarships, financial aid, etc.
- I understand how to backwards plan from my career goals to what I should be focusing on in high school
- I understand that it is important to save money for postsecondary expenses (including direct costs like tuition and indirect costs like transportation, supplies, and fees)
- I understand the importance of rigorous coursework in preparing me for success in postsecondary

Milestone

Milestones are reference points in your high school career that mark important stages of progress. Each milestone allows you to evaluate your forward progress toward the goal of college and career.

