

High School Freshman Checklist



Classes

- Plan a challenging program of classes to take.
 - The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself. Are you signing up for advanced classes, honors sections or accelerated sequences? Are you choosing electives that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities? Are you just doing enough to get by? Colleges will be more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in easy ones. You can review [Mill Valley's Course Guide](#) to see what classes you want to plan on.
 - Keep in mind the courses that colleges expect to have completed for admission; make sure you are reviewing your school of choice. A good guide is the [Board of Regents](#).
 - Keep on top of classes and make sure to reach out to teachers early if you have any concerns.



Documents

- Create a file of important documents and notes. This could include copies of report cards, lists of honors, awards, and school and/or community involvement. Make sure to keep with this descriptions and timeframes for these.
- Feel like you need to add to what you have?
 - Perform a self-evaluation - [Top 10 Questions to Ask Yourself](#)



Get involved

- Look at where you can get involved with academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts and science.
 - Keep in mind that learning doesn't only happen in the classroom.
- Stay active in clubs activities and sports that you enjoy.
 - Colleges look at more than just your academic record for admission. It's important that you demonstrate your abilities outside the classroom.
 - Check out activities you might be interested in [here](#).