courses enable you to move to more advanced instruction in high school. High school credit will be awarded for these courses if they are passed in eighth grade. Grades received in these courses figure into quality point average for high school rank.

- Continue to update and add appropriate items to your Academic and Career Plan.
- Continue to volunteer and keep a record of your experiences.

GRADE 8

- Take all tests very seriously, including the Standards of Learning Tests required for graduation.
- When you register for high school, listen to the advice of your teachers, parents and counselors. Make sure your four-year plan for your high school years is up to date. Explore post-secondary education opportunities, investigate several careers and determine entrance/training requirements to help you with your four-year plan for high school.
- During the summer, before your ninth grade year, investigate available post-secondary education institutions in your home state and in other states that you visit. Each visit will give you a better idea of the type of school that best meets your goals and the requirements necessary for entrance.
- During the summer, before your ninth grade year, investigate volunteer opportunities.
- Read! You'll gather valuable information, as well as improve your vocabulary for college entrance exams. Newspapers, books and magazines provide a wealth of important data and an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and to develop essential skills.
- Continue to update your Academic and Career Plan.
- Visit Burton Center for Arts and Technology

GRADE 9

- Review your four-year plan.
- Explore enrichment opportunities.
- Volunteer
- Get to know your counselor.
- Update your Academic and Career Plan
- Visit your Career Center.
- Read, Read, Read!
- Take advantage of opportunities to volunteer.
- Visit colleges, postsecondary institutions, and/or places of future employment.
- Consider investigating opportunities for
- Job Shadowing.
- (Job Shadowing means volunteering to spend some time in a workplace of interest.)

GRADE 10

- Review and update your four-year plan.
- Visit your Career Center.
- Attend College Day in the fall.
- PSAT testing is available.
- Practice completing applications for employment.
- Visit colleges, postsecondary institutions, and/or places of future employment.
- Stay involved in school and community activities.
- Volunteer
- Keep a detailed list of accomplishments and activities.
- Update your Academic and Career Plan
- The tenth grade is the final year to begin a foreign language if you are considering an Advanced Studies Diploma.
- Consider Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment opportunities.
- Attend the Roanoke County Financial Aid Meeting.
- Attend the College Seminar for parents and students held in the spring.
- Consider Burton Center for Arts and Technology
- Practice interviewing.
- Develop a list of realistic postsecondary choices.
- Meet with representatives of post-secondary institutions.

GRADE 11

- Attend College Day in the fall.
- Take PSAT (this score qualifies for National Merit competition) if planning to take SAT. (October)
- Continue to maintain good grades; it is extremely important to do your best.
- Attend Ethics in the Workplace Seminar
- Take SAT I & II and/or ACT if planning to apply to college.
- Volunteer
- Become aware of scholarship opportunities.
- Update your Academic and Career Plan
- Attend the Roanoke County Financial Aid Meeting.
- Take the ASVAB when available in your school.
- Narrow the list of postsecondary choices.
- Visit colleges and postsecondary institutions.
- Continue to take Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes
- Begin a list of contact persons for future employment.
- Consider Burton Center for Arts and Technology and Cooperative Education programs.

GRADE 12

- Attend College Day in the fall.
- Do job searches. Check your Career Center for assistance.
- Volunteer
- Attend Ethics in the Workplace Seminar
- Narrow your list of postsecondary choices.
- Apply to colleges and/or postsecondary programs.
- Be aware of deadlines. Meeting deadlines is
- YOUR responsibility, not the sole responsibility of your parents or counselor.
- Attend the Roanoke County Financial Aid Meeting.
- Complete financial aid forms as needed.
- Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if applying for an athletic scholarship.
- Visit colleges on your list of final choices; schedule visits through the college admissions office.
- Take SAT I & II and/or ACT as required by the colleges of which you plan to apply.
- Apply for part-time employment