

9TH GRADE TIMELINE

Welcome!

Freshman year is an exciting time of transition, where students adjust to new academic expectations, more challenging classes, and a broader range of activities and opportunities. At this stage, the primary focus should be on excelling in high school, not on college. Striving for success in your coursework and doing your best in every subject is the most important goal. Additionally, this is the perfect time to begin getting involved in co-curricular clubs, organizations, and sports teams. Look for meaningful ways to spend your free time, whether at school or off-campus.

Our advice to freshmen: dedicate yourself to your classes, your school, and your community. Challenge yourself to get involved. By doing so, you'll make the most of the opportunities available to you, have a fulfilling high school experience, and set a strong foundation for life beyond UHS.

First Semester

- Develop strong study habits from the very first day of school and strive to reach your full potential. The better you perform academically, the more opportunities you create for yourself. Keep in mind that your grades in 9th grade are part of your final high school GPA and play a significant role in college admissions and scholarship eligibility.
- Ensure your classes are appropriately challenging. If you find a course too difficult or too easy, schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss adjustments.
- Get involved! Join extracurricular activities both in and outside of school to broaden your experiences and interests.
- Take the time to meet new classmates, teachers, and administrators to expand your support network. Don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it!
- And most importantly, read—read as much as you can!

Second Semester

- Maintain strong study habits and consistently put forth your best effort.
- Stay actively involved in extracurricular activities that interest you.
- Meet with your counselor to choose appropriately challenging courses for 10th grade. Take time to reflect on your interests and consider potential career paths.
- Take the Spring PSAT—remember, it's just a practice test, so don't worry about it!
- Explore summer opportunities such as enrichment programs, internships, or activities that align with your interests. Choose something meaningful and enjoyable, but also make sure to carve out time to relax and recharge.