

FRESHMEN POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING DURING 9TH GRADE TO HELP MYSELF PREPARE FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

❑ GET INVOLVED AND TRY NEW THINGS!

- ❑ You have a fresh start from middle school and tons of opportunities to take advantage of. Get involved in athletics, clubs, or other activities. It's easy to get involved, good way to meet some new friends, and a fun way to spend your time!

❑ DO WELL IN YOUR COURSES

- ❑ Freshmen year will be the start of building your academic transcript- the record of all the courses and grades while you are in high school. It is critical that you build a solid foundation by doing well in your freshman year courses!
- ❑ Develop good study habits, get organized, keep track of assignments, ask for help when you get stuck, and understand what it takes to be a successful student.



❑ MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- ❑ Simley assigns each student a school counselor based on your last name. Take some time to meet your counselor and talk about your high school and post-secondary goals. Your counselor can help with scheduling, academics, personal and social life, and many other things!
 - ❑ Ms. Amy Powers-Johnson (last names A-Ha)
 - ❑ Ms. Kris DeVries (last names He-Ol)
 - ❑ Ms. Jeanne Hutson (last names Om-Z)

❑ MAKE A 4-YEAR PLAN

- ❑ Think ahead and make an academic plan for your high school career. Your counselor is a great person to help you with your 4-year plan!

❑ RECOGNIZE YOUR INTERESTS AND STRENGTHS

- ❑ Start thinking about what you are interested in, where your strengths are and then how those things might lead into a career. You will be completing a couple interest inventories and other career exploration activities on the Minnesota Career Information System (MCIS) through the year to help support this task.

❑ MAKE SUMMER COUNT

- ❑ Volunteer, take classes, or get a job. Spend your time wisely and invest in yourself! Attend the Summer College Road Trip (for free!) to get a jump-start on visiting college campuses and finding out what type of school might be the best fit for you. It's never too early to start!