

# POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE

## 9th Grade

### FIRST YEAR POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE

- Enroll in elective coursework that you think you will enjoy.
  - Meet with your school counselor in 8th grade to discuss course options.
  - Review the HHS Course Catalog.
- Find clubs and activities that excite you and align with your values, skills, and interests.
  - The HHS Club Fair happens at the start of each school year. This is when you will sign up for clubs.
- Consider taking the PSAT in October for practice.
  - The PSAT is a standardized test that can qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarships when taken in the 11th grade.
- Develop time management and study skills.
  - Sometimes students find themselves in need of assistance because coursework can be challenging.
  - Utilize your resources. Talk to your teachers and your counselors, and take advantage of after-school tutoring when you need it.
- Regularly check your email and Schoology.
  - Your college and career counselor will communicate important information through Schoology and email.
- Attend College and Career Events.
  - College Fairs, Career Series Speakers, College Rep Visits during lunches.
- Begin your high school resume.
  - You will meet with your college and career counselor to begin building your resume in Naviance.
- Complete the AchieveWorks Skills assessment in Naviance.
  - You will work with your college and career counselor on this assessment, which will help identify and connect your skills with potential career interests.
- Consider planning ahead for summer activities.
  - Many students attend academic or special interest camps in the summer, work a summer job, or volunteer. These are all healthy ways to keep yourself occupied and will provide valuable experiences.
- Visit a college or two locally or when you are traveling on vacation.
  - Consider registering on the college's website for an official tour.