

College Planning Checklist for Freshmen

- Meet your counselor. Your counselor can help you strategize a successful four-year plan and prepare you for your college and career goals. Take notes during counselor class lessons and use your red folder to stay organized.
- Make sure that you know which high school courses are required to graduate and which are recommended by colleges for which you are interested. Ninth grade is an important foundation year for the rest of high school.
- Take the most challenging course load for which you are eligible.
- Improve your study skills. Seek help from teachers if you experience academic difficulties. Practice time management and test-taking strategies. The Guidance Office and your teachers can steer you in the right direction.
- Attend guidance classroom presentations and Freshman Parent Night.
- Do your best on the PSAT 9 and PreACT in the fall and spring.
- Explore extracurricular activities inside and outside of school to find those that interest and excite you.
- Make your summer count! Volunteer, attend a summer program or get a job.