

College Prep Checklist

9TH GRADE

- ☐ Career-interest assessment
- ☐ Establish a strong GPA
- ☐ Take broad class electives
- ☐ Take your PSAT-try your best
- ☐ Plan for your driver's license
- ☐ Ask others about college info
- ☐ Meet with school counselors
- ☐ Learn to study on your own
- ☐ Volunteer, join a club/team
- ☐ Identify interesting careers
- ☐ Try to earn school awards

10TH GRADE

- ☐ Narrow down career interests
- ☐ Keep up your GPA or improve it
- ☐ Take your PSAT-do your best!
- ☐ Research colleges online or visit
- ☐ Stay involved at school and/or work
- ☐ Meet with school counselor
- ☐ Make a college interest list
- ☐ Research local scholarship options

11TH GRADE

- ☐ Decide which colleges to apply to
- ☐ Seek letters of recommendation
- ☐ Keep up your GPA or improve it
- ☐ Review scholarships & prep essays
- ☐ Estimate & plan for college costs
- ☐ Stay involved & build a resume
- ☐ Take the SAT & do your best! Plan for retakes over the summer if desired.

12TH GRADE--1ST HALF

- ☐ Apply for college(s)
- ☐ Submit your FAFSA (if open)
- ☐ Apply for scholarships
- ☐ Retake SAT if needed
- ☐ Keep up your GPA
- ☐ Compare college aid offers
- ☐ Let your school counselor know your plans

12TH GRADE--2ND HALF

- ☐ Notify college of decision
- ☐ Apply to institutional scholarships
- ☐ Update your resume
- ☐ Request your final HS transcript
- ☐ Choose a college housing option
- ☐ Apply for summer programs
- ☐ Graduate and Celebrate!

SUMMER POST-HIGH SCHOOL

- ☐ Review your college funding plan
- ☐ Attend college orientation
- ☐ Register for college classes
- ☐ Check out on-campus jobs
- ☐ Plan to buy books for class
- ☐ Finalize college payment plan
- ☐ Give your job two-weeks notice if you leave for school or need to change your work schedule

OTHER ITEMS TO REMEMBER

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