



Freshman Checklist

- Set goals for your freshman year. Discuss these with your parent(s).
- Start thinking about college options and the different types of colleges.
- Visit your school's college and career center to look at resources.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your class schedule and rigor
- Set up a professional student email address for your college process .
- Work on developing strong organizational and study skills.
- Look into extracurricular activities at your school and elsewhere.
- Consider sports, clubs, school government, newspaper, etc. Get involved.
- Get to know your teachers.
- Look at the websites of some of your "dream colleges". See what they require.
- Register on these college websites to get on their mailing lists
- Read more than the minimum high school required reading.
- Read newspapers, magazines and other material of interest.
- Work on improving your vocabulary – reading, flashcards or any way you like.
- Make a list of goals and refer to it often. Revise as needed.
- Consider volunteer work or some type of community service.
- Start to keep a file/log of any awards, certificates, news articles, etc. that might be relevant for your college applications.
- Get a social security number if you don't already have one.
- Plan an interesting summer that might help you solidify your interest areas.
- Talk to people about careers; ask questions.
- Think about your interests and abilities, strengths and weaknesses.
- Keep your grades up. Freshman year DOES count.
- With activities, quality counts more than quantity. Pick your favorite few and try for a leadership position next year.
- Plan a challenging sophomore curriculum. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Set up a meeting with your school counselor if appropriate.
- Study hard for freshman finals.
- Begin a rough draft of your resume.
- Enjoy a productive summer!