



College Checklist

Preparing for the future starts long before Senior Year of High School.
Here are tips to help students every step of the way.

Elementary School	Middle School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Learning Fun and Normalize the Idea that Academics Matter • Encourage Reading to Build Vocabulary • Expose Children to Careers • Give Children Responsibilities • Encourage Their Gifts, Talents and Dreams through activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Consistent Homework and Study Habits • Encourage Reading Regularly • Connect Young People to Role Models and Mentors • Expose Children to Careers • Encourage their Interests – Academic, Athletic, etc.
9 th Grade	10 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Best Grades Possible • Join Teams and Clubs • Volunteer in Your Community or in Your Field of Interest • Get To Know Your School Counselor • Make Friends and Enjoy High School! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Grades • Prepare for the PSAT or Practice ACT • Stay Active in Extracurricular Activities • Research Careers or Possible Majors • Attend College and Career Fairs
11 th Grade	12 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take AP/Dual Enrollment Classes (if available) • Go out for Leadership Positions in your Clubs and Organizations • Take SAT or ACT Exam • Research Colleges and Visit (if possible) • Request Letters or Recommendation • Seek out a Mentor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Your College List and Apply • Obtain Letters of Recommendation • Complete Financial Aid • Apply for Scholarships • Take AP Tests • Send “Thank You’s” for recommendations • Announce your College Choice – Decision Day is May 1st!
Each Year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your Summers for Summer Jobs or Pre-College Programs • Choose classes that will prepare you for your college major/career <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Resume and Update Each Year • Visit Colleges Whenever Possible 	