



The Road To College: Freshman Checklist

FALL:

- Meet with your counselor to make sure you are taking challenging classes, which will prepare you for advanced courses in the following years.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- Ask your teachers for study and note-taking tips. These skills will help you do well in your classes and will teach you how to study.
- Go to: www.mynextmove.org to explore careers. Complete the interest profiler on the site to help you decide which careers interest you.
- Start a list of all of your paid and volunteer work, extracurricular activities, awards, and honors. Update it throughout high school. This list will help you when you complete your college applications.
- If you are taking any AP classes, be sure to register for the AP exam.

WINTER:

- Continue to do well in your classes.
- Continue to explore your interests and possible careers.
- Discuss your skills and interests with your counselor.
- Consider a college savings plan and add to an existing one if you have already had one started.
- Start thinking about the classes you want to take next year.

SPRING:

- Get involved. Continue to build your list of extracurricular activities and community service achievements.
- Maintain at least a 2.7 GPA or higher.
- You will take the PSAT this spring. Be sure to review your score report when you get it.
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss your plans for summer and the upcoming school year.
- Search for summer internship opportunities.
- Meet with your counselor to select courses for the following year.

SUMMER:

- Volunteer in a position that ties to your interests and field.
- Get a job and begin saving for college OR begin an internship.

