

Preparing for College Checklist

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester

- Check your high school credits to ensure that you are taking the necessary courses to meet graduation requirements and post-secondary options.
- Develop a serious attitude toward your studies. Grade point average and class rank are important considerations for your acceptance into most colleges. Your GPA counts!
- Develop good study habits. If you find yourself struggling with your studies at any point during your freshman year, first consult with your teacher and then check with the Counseling Office for study skills assistance and for peer tutorial help.
- Set personal goals for academic achievement. Evaluate and re-assess your goals frequently. Ensure that you are actively working toward your goals.
- Plan ahead for major project deadlines and your semester exams.
- Select extra-curricular activities, clubs and organizations that interest you and get involved!

Second Semester

- Visit the Career Center and become familiar with the reference materials available for career and post-secondary exploration.
- Visit with people employed in your occupational interest area. Ask questions about actual job tasks, training required, helpful skills, advantages and disadvantages, employment opportunities, advancement, etc.
- Begin your course selection process for next year. Select courses for next year that are compatible with your college and career goals.
- Discuss your educational goals and four-year plan with your parents.