



9TH Grade Checklist

*Your 9th grade year should be focused on your commitment to graduation.
The time is NOW to plan ahead and set goals for your future.*

- Establish a relationship with your high school guidance counselor.** The transition from 8th grade to 9th can be the most challenging school transition. He or she is experienced in working with freshmen on academics, college/career preparation, and providing social/emotional support.
- Sign up for at least one Honors or AP course.** Challenge yourself.
- Develop a personal graduation plan.** Learn the requirements for your school, and make a list of classes you plan to take each year in order to complete all of your graduation requirements with the rest of your class.
- Every grade counts.** Your overall GPA starts with your freshman year. Focus on academics and make the choice to excel in all your classes.
- Be involved!** Join at least one club or organization on campus. This can include academic teams, service clubs, athletics or something just for fun.
- Volunteer in your community.** Make a goal to donate at least 20 hours of your time this year, by planning on five hours each quarter. Consider food banks, church programs, soup kitchens or others that interest you.
- Start researching career and college options in preparation for the future.** Find out entrance requirements for colleges you are interested in attending, as they may be different than your high school requirements.
- In the spring, learn to read your high school transcript** before selecting courses for the upcoming school year.

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