9th Grade Checklist

Welcome to High School!

Transitioning to a new school can have it's challenges. Use this list to assist you in your freshman year and to prepare for your future.

- ○ Use a planner to stay on top of assignments & manage your time effectively
- ○ Study a little everyday
- ○ Talk to your teachers when you need help. They want you to succeed!
- ○ If your school offers the PSAT, take it seriously to determine your strengths & weaknesses
- ○ Choose electives that you are interested in, you may learn a new skill or find a future career option
- ○ Make a 4 year high school Educational Development Plan (EDP). Ask your school counselor if you need help.
- ○ Discuss your ideas with your parents about future courses & your goals for your life after high school

- ○ Meet with your counselor in 1st semester to discuss your college & career plans
- ○ Get involved in your school & community by joining extra-curricular clubs, sports or volunteer
- ○ Take a career assessment using Xello, You Science, Pathfinder or using a resource on workforce.resa.net (Click on Career Counseling)
- ○ Ask your counselor about Career Technical Education (CTE) or other courses that match your career interests
- ○ Find opportunities to do a job shadow or volunteer for careers that interest you
- ○ Work hard to get strong grades, it will help you for your future choices
- ○ Update your Educational Development Plan (EDP) as your career interests evolve
- ○ Keep a record or folder of your achievements to use on a resumé or a college application

Summer

- ○ Continue to research careers that interest you
- ○ Participate in a career camp
- ○ Find a summer job
- ○ Visit college campuses

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