



COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST FOR FRESHMEN

FALL

- ✓ Review your schedule to make sure you have enrolled in challenging classes that will help prepare for college.
- ✓ Establish strong study habits, use time management techniques with your planner, and earn good grades.
- ✓ Learn to ask for help immediately if difficulties arise.
- ✓ Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines.
- ✓ Create a portfolio with all pertinent information regarding your college preparation. Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- ✓ Get involved with extracurricular activities, Service Learning, and volunteer projects.
- ✓ Start building relationships with teachers, counselors, and activity sponsors to help you obtain college recommendations later.
- ✓ Sign-up for the PSAT through our guidance department.
- ✓ Attend college fairs in our area.

WINTER

- ✓ Use the links on the GUIDANCE/BRACE page to learn about college costs and how financial aid works.
- ✓ Visit colleges when they are in session.
- ✓ Find out about college firsthand from friends that are home for the holidays.

SPRING

- ✓ Register for challenging classes.
- ✓ Make a list of questions for your guidance counselor to ask during the registration process.
- ✓ Prepare for your Advanced Placement exams.
- ✓ Look for great summer opportunities – volunteer position, job, internship.
- ✓ Start a summer reading list.

SUMMER

- ✓ Read the books on your summer reading list.
- ✓ Visit college campuses.

NEVER SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE SEARCHES OR FINANCIAL AID SERVICES THAT COST MONEY!