

[INSERT SCHOOL NAME HERE]
9th Grade College-Bound Student Checklist

PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE AND START IN AUGUST 2012!

Understand your Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA you earn during your freshman year will have a major impact on the colleges that will accept you and the number of scholarships that you'll be eligible for as a senior. Your GPA will also determine your eligibility for sports.

Learn about high school graduation and college admissions requirements

Make sure you understand all of the graduation requirements for your high school and compare them to admission requirements for different colleges. They won't necessarily be the same because some colleges may require you to take specific classes in high school. This means understand how many credits you need to earn to graduate and the subjects you need to earn those credits in. Talk to your school counselor, to learn more about this.

Learn "The Big 5 Things" that will help get you into college

- Your GPA from ALL FOUR years of high school and the classes you take
- Your ACT or SAT scores (tests taken during junior & senior years)
- Extracurricular Activities and community service/volunteering
- Letters of Recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, or employers
- A Personal Essay (written at the end of junior year/beginning of senior year)

Find three extracurricular activities that interest you (join at least one)

Talk to your high school counselor, teacher, or College and Financial Aid Advisor in the Future Center about getting involved in extracurricular activities and community service projects like sports or student groups. Finding activities that you enjoy will help you become a leader and help you stand out when you apply to college and for scholarships.

Create/update online Profiles for College In Colorado & Naviance

Ask your counselor or College and Financial Aid Advisor

Prepare for CSAP (Do your best!)

By the time you come back from winter break your school will begin to focus on the CSAP test. This means use whatever resources available at your school to study for this test. Taking this test seriously will help you excel on the ACT and SAT.

FOR HELP ON ANY OF THIS OR IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS:

Visit [your name], the [name of school] College & Financial Aid Advisor, in the Future Center, ROOM [xxx]

Or by email at xxxx@denverscholarship.org

9th Grade Activity Guide

1. Prepare for a summer activities
2. Research summer opportunities (jobs, internships, programs, etc.)
3. Create a career plan on PEP
4. Take a Career Assessment on www.CollegeInColorado.org
5. Develop a 4-Year high school plan on PEP
6. Create a free email account
7. Look for community service/volunteer opportunities
8. Join a pre-collegiate program
9. Learn about the five criteria that will help get you into college

STUDENT GOALS

- Identify 3 characteristics that will lead to your success in high school
- Identify 3 characteristics that will impact your future
- Complete all PEP requirements