

High School Check List

Summertime

- Do not waste the summer.
- Do volunteer work.
- Go to high school orientation days, and sign up for clubs.
- Attend high school sports camps.

Ninth Grade

- Take A-G Classes.
- Join clubs and sports.
- Visit your academic advisor and ask them to help you with the college-prep process.
- Form and participate in study groups.
- DO NOT GET A C IN BIOLOGY.**
- Earn A's and B's and Mostly A's (Keep a very high GPA.)
- Make good friends.
- Enter essay, speech contests, science fairs/contests for scholarships and awards.
- Ignore lazy kids, drug/alcohol users, and partiers.
- Do volunteer work.
- Do not allow boyfriends/girlfriends or desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend (love) to control your life.

Summertime

- Do not waste the summer.
- Do volunteer work.

Tenth Grade

- Be aware the tenth grade is much harder than ninth grade**
- Sign Up for PSAT and PLAN. (Go to your academic advisor to find out how to sign up.)
- Visit your academic advisor and ask them to help you with the college-prep process.
- Take the PSAT and PLAN.
- Form and participate in study groups.
- Take A-G Classes.
- Only take AP classes if you are extremely confident that you can handle it. Do not gamble with your GPA.
- Participate in clubs and sports.
- Earn A's and B's and Mostly A's (Keep a very high GPA.)
- Keep good friends.
- Enter essay, speech contests, science fairs/contests for scholarships and awards.
- Ignore lazy kids, drug/alcohol users, and partiers.
- Do volunteer work.
- Do not allow boyfriends/girlfriends or desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend (love) to control your life.

Summertime

- Do not waste the summer.
- Do volunteer work.
- Begin researching colleges.
- Find out exactly which tests are required for each university you are interested in.
- Take SAT prep classes at school or Saddleback, if they are offered.

Eleventh Grade

- Register for SAT and ACT (Go to your academic advisor to find out how to sign up.)
- Visit your academic advisor and ask them to help you with the college-prep process.
- Take SAT classes at school or Saddleback, if they are offered.
- Pass the Early Assessment Program (EAP) test.
- Take SAT and ACT during the spring semester.**
- Take A-G classes.
- Form and participate in study groups.
- Participate in clubs and sports.
- Earn A's and B's and Mostly A's (Keep a very high GPA.)
- Enter essay, speech contests, science fairs/contests for scholarships and awards.
- Keep good friends.
- Ignore lazy kids, drug/alcohol users, and partiers.
- Do volunteer work.
- Research scholarships. Start at fastweb.com
- Do not allow boyfriends/girlfriends or desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend (love) to control your life.
- Do not get a job that will distract you from school.

Summertime

- Research colleges. (Check application deadlines.)
- Do volunteer work.

Twelfth Grade

- Visit your academic advisor and ask them to help you with the college-prep process.
- Ask your academic advisor about scholarship opportunities.
- Take SAT one last time if you are unhappy with previous scores.
- Apply to universities before application deadlines. (Usually end of November to end of December.)**
- Be sure to apply to a safety school or two.**
- Complete FAFSA (Financial aid) application on the Internet as soon as possible in January. (fafsa.ed.gov)**
- Take A-G classes.
- Form and participate in study groups.
- Participate in clubs and sports.
- Earn A's and B's and Mostly A's (Keep a very high GPA.)
- Keep good friends.
- Ignore lazy kids, drug/alcohol users, and partiers.
- Do volunteer work.
- Do not allow boyfriends/girlfriends or desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend (love) to control your life.
- Do not get a job that will distract you from school.
- Receive college acceptance letters. (Usually in February and March.)
- Bring copies of your college acceptance letters to Mr. Gerow.