
COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN YEAR

GRADE 9

- It's normal to feel shy as you transition to high school, but if you have any questions, ask friends, a teacher or a trusted advisor.
- Try new classes and extracurricular activities.
- Explore your interests!
- Develop good study habits.
College admission offices will evaluate your grades from ALL four years.
- Discuss your options after high school with your counselor.
- Plan to take challenging and advanced level courses.
- Start a brag sheet: a list of activities, achievements, awards, and other notable accomplishments.
- Search for part-time or seasonal jobs and volunteer experiences, especially for the summer after freshman year.
- Save for college.
Money from holidays, birthdays, or part-time jobs can go a long way.
- Think about how your skills and interests might direct you toward a career.
- Ask people how they got their current jobs.
If possible, shadow careers that interest you.
- Take a look at summer pre-college programs offered by your local UW universities.
- Review UW university course requirements for admission.
- Review & start budgeting for college now.

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