

9TH GRADE CHECKLIST

AUGUST

- Get to know your school counselor
- Create a 4-year high school plan

SEPTEMBER

- Get involved with an extracurricular activity
- Start thinking about life after high school

OCTOBER

- Create a College Board account

NOVEMBER

- If interested in playing sports in college, research the NCAA eligibility requirements

DECEMBER

- Enjoy your Winter Break!

JANUARY

- Talk to school counselor about credit recovery if needed

FEBRUARY

- Research careers
- Research post-high school pathways (4-year, community, trade, etc)

MARCH

- Start thinking about summer extracurricular activities

APRIL

- Meet with school counselor about sophomore year and/or summer school

MAY

- Congrats! Your first year of high school is done!

JUNE

- Enjoy your Summer Break!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

AUGUST

- Get involved with an extracurricular activity
- Talk to school counselor about credit recovery if needed

SEPTEMBER

- Get to know the College and Career Center
- Learn about financial aid
- Get familiar with the PSAT, SAT, + ACT

OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT
- Register for AP exams

NOVEMBER

- If interested in playing sports in college, research the NCAA eligibility requirements

DECEMBER

- Visit colleges during Winter Break

JANUARY

- Attend college presentations on campus
- Talk to school counselor about credit recovery if needed

FEBRUARY

- Research careers
- Research post-high school pathways (4-year, community, trade, etc)

MARCH

- Visit colleges during Spring Break
- Start thinking about summer extracurricular activities

APRIL

- Check out majors offered by schools
- Meet with school counselor about junior year and/or summer school

MAY

- Take AP Exams

JUNE

- Visit colleges during Summer Break

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OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT
- Register for AP exams
- Get to know potential letter of recommendation people

NOVEMBER

- If interested in
 - playing sports in college, register with the NCAA /Clearinghouse
 - U.S. Military Academy, contact Congressional Representative

DECEMBER

- Visit colleges during Winter Break
- Look into Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE program)

JANUARY

- Talk to school counselor about credit recovery if needed
- Register to take SAT and/or ACT

FEBRUARY

- Attend college presentations
- Check out majors offered by schools
- Research careers
- Research post-high school pathways 4-year, community, trade, etc)

MARCH

- Visit colleges during Spring Break
- Start thinking about summer extracurricular activities

APRIL

- Meet with school counselor about senior year and/or summer school
- Take the SAT or ACT with Writing

MAY

- Take AP Exams
- Take the SAT or ACT with Writing

JUNE

- Visit colleges during Summer Break
- Begin to think about and draft personal statements and Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)
- UC applications open August 1st

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

AUGUST

- Review class schedule
- Double check graduation & college admissions requirements
- If you need extra credits for graduation, sign up for adult education classes
- Create or revise college resume

SEPTEMBER

- Build a list of 3-7 realistic colleges + 1 safety school
- Sign up to attend college visits- see
- Begin college applications
- Register to retake the ACT or SAT
- Begin/continue writing college essays

OCTOBER

- CSU + FAFSA applications open
- Continue working on UC applications + private school applications
- Ask for letter of recommendations if needed
- Begin/continue looking for scholarships

NOVEMBER

- UC/CSU applications are due the 30th
- Continue editing your college essays
- Continue to attend college visits
- Send your ACT and/or SAT scores
- Continue looking for scholarships

DECEMBER

- Work on FAFSA
- Continue looking for scholarships
- Last month to take the SAT or ACT
- Submit private school applications for Regular Decision

JANUARY

- Apply to scholarships
- Complete scholarship applications
- If required, remind school counselor to send in mid-year report for private schools
- If required, send an official transcript including first semester senior grades
- If you receive a "D" or "F" in any of your college prep classes or are making changes to your second semester schedule, call the college admissions office and notify them

FEBRUARY

- If you are planning to attend community college, complete online application
- Work on FAFSA
- Work on Cal Grant (GPA verification will be submitted by the district office)
- Keep an eye on emails from colleges applied to

MARCH

- FAFSA must be submitted by the 2nd
- Continue to check all emails, deadlines, + requirements
- Listen for instructions to sign up to take AP exams
- Community college bound students take math + English placement exams

APRIL

- Submit Student Intent to Register (SIR) to your college choice
- If waitlisted to a college please SIR to a school that has accepted you.
- Continue to read all communication from colleges + follow deadlines.
- Sign up for summer course work if your college has required you to do so.

MAY

- Student Intent to Register (SIR) is due the 1st
- Take AP Exams
- Complete Senior Survey
- If you are planning to play a sport in college, double check qualifications with NCAA website. Athletes must be certified by NCAA.
- Take final exams
- Submit final transcript request form to
- Pick up final transcript and send to college by deadline.

JUNE

- Check student portal for announcements, orientation, + updates
- Community college students, make sure you have completed all steps for enrollment.
- Celebrate! You did it!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: