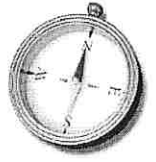


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## College Planning Checklist Freshman Year

**Freshman year – it is never too early to plan for the future!!**

### Fall

- Enroll in challenging academic courses that develop critical thinking skills
- Study hard and get excellent grades
- Strengthen your vocabulary by increasing your reading
- Becoming involved in co-curricular activities, join clubs, sports, or organizations

### Winter

- Know the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) requirements if you want to play sports in college
- Research where you can do your community service hours – 5 hours are required by the end of the school year
- Become familiar with Naviance Software
- Research careers based on survey results
- Develop a resume
- Study hard for midterm exams and projects – do your best!

### Spring

- Stay organized and balance school work with your co-curricular activities
- Select courses for sophomore year
- Research what colleges
- Find out what high school courses to take for college admission
- Select courses for your sophomore year
- End your Freshman year STRONG!
- Study for final exams – they count!
- Be sure to complete your community service hours and turn them into your homeroom mentor

### Summer

- Complete your summer assignments on time
- Continue community service hours if possible
- Attend a summer program in an area that interests you
- Visit a few college campuses, local ones to start
- Save money!!!!