

# HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING CHECKLIST

**GEAR UP**

## 7TH GRADE

- DEVELOP GOOD STUDY HABITS
- GET INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- MAINTAIN GOOD GRADES
- LOOK INTO ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## 8TH GRADE

- APPLY FOR OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE
- START SAVING MONEY FOR COLLEGE (529 SAVINGS PLAN)
- LOOK AT ADVANCED PLACEMENT OR OTHER HONORS-LEVEL COURSES
- VISIT A COLLEGE CAMPUS

## 9TH GRADE

- TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES
- START YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAREER ACADEMIC PLAN (ICAP)
- USE YOUR PLAN OF STUDY TO KEEP TRACK OF COURSES & GRADES
- GET INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## 10TH GRADE

- KEEP YOUR GRADES UP
- TAKE THE PRE-ACT
- LOOK INTO YOUR CONCURRENT OPTIONS FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR YEAR
- REVIEW COURSES NEEDED FOR ADMISSION INTO YOUR DESIRED SCHOOL
- CONSIDER A PART-TIME JOB OR VOLUNTEER POSITION

## 11TH GRADE

- LAST OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE
- TALK WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ABOUT TESTING, CLASS REQUIREMENTS, AP CLASSES & ACADEMIC RECORD
- BEGIN SCHEDULING TIMES TO TAKE THE ACT, SAT AND REGISTER FOR THE PSAT IN OCTOBER
- CHOOSE SENIOR YEAR CLASSES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR TRANSCRIPT

## 12TH GRADE

- MAKE SENIOR YEAR COUNT!
- TAKE THE ACT/SAT
- VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES
- NARROW YOUR FUTURE EDUCATION CHOICES
- SUBMIT ANY EARLY ADMISSION APPLICATIONS BY NOVEMBER
- CHECK FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS
- PLAN FOR ORIENTATION DATES
- SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA

## FRESHMAN YEAR

- CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR FINANCIAL AID
- LOOK FOR INTERSHIP OR JOB-SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES
- SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA
- ATTEND CAREER FAIRS
- TALK TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR TO ENSURE YOUR COURSE WORK STAYS ON TRACK FOR YOUR DEGREE

NEED TO FIND A RESOURCE ON THIS CHECKLIST?

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