

■ 9th Grade College Planning Checklist

You don't have to do it all. Just the right things at the right time.

It's early — and that's the point. 9th grade is about strong habits, interests, and foundations.

Fall:

- Get to know your school counselor and graduation requirements
- Establish good homework and study routines
- Join a club, sport, or service project — try something new
- Track your grades and learn how GPA works early
- Start a basic activities log (Google Doc or folder)

Winter:

- Develop a reading habit — fiction, nonfiction, essays, anything
- Talk with adults about their careers and how they got there
- Build time management skills (calendar, planner, or checklist)
- Keep your resume or activities list updated with new involvement

Spring:

- Choose next year's classes with challenge and balance in mind
- Start thinking about summer plans — volunteer, work, or read
- Take a free career interest quiz (like MyNextMove or BigFuture)
- Reflect on what you liked this year — and what you want to do more of