

9th grade Career Planning/College Prep Checklist

- Assessments
 - PRE-ACT 8/9
 - ACT- Spring (optional)
- Establish a Transcript- High School grades directly affect the college admissions process and scholarship opportunities
 - Take challenging courses that interest you
 - Study and keep your GPA high
- Start a resume/ portfolio (i.e. community service documentation, sports, leadership, ect.)
 - Track awards and involvement by year
 - Explore summer opportunities- job, leadership programs, job shadowing, etc.
- Practice Interview Skills
- Attend local College and Career Fairs, begin visiting colleges or complete virtual tours
- Research and apply for scholarships- the website GoingMerry.com is a good resource
- Review career information in areas that interest you- identify interests and skills
 - Set short and long term goals for you life after high school
 - Job shadow a career you are curious about during school breaks
- Community Engagement- continue volunteering
- Club/ Sport Involvement
- Develop the habit of checking your school email- opportunities will be sent to you through email