

## Freshman Year

- Meet with your Counselor if you have questions.
- Make sure you are enrolled in the appropriate college-preparatory courses and make an appointment to see your counselor if you have any questions.
- Get off to a good start with your grades. The grades you earn in ninth grade will be included in your final high school GPA and class rank. College might seem a long way off now, but grades really do count toward college admission and scholarships.
- Explore your interests and possible careers through career shadowing, volunteer work, and job opportunities.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities (both school and non-school-sponsored).
- Prepare for AP exams if appropriate.
- Talk to your parents about planning for college expenses. Continue or begin a savings plan for college.
- Create a [Raise.me](#) account to start earning micro-scholarships throughout all of high school.
- Look at the college information available in your Counselor's office and school and public libraries. Use the internet to check out [college web sites](#).
- Make a plan to tour the state colleges by the time you are a senior. Visit relatives or friends who live on or near a college campus. Check out the dorms, go to the library or student center, and get a feel for college life.
- Begin working on Community Service hours to meet Bright Futures Requirements.