

# 9th Grade College Planning Checklist

## ☐ **Create a four year plan**

- ☐ Get familiar with requirements and what courses are offered

## ☐ **Start thinking of life after school**

- ☐ Identify your likes and dislikes
- ☐ What are some careers that you like?

## ☐ **Meet with your high school counselor and the Academic and Career Plan Coordinator**

- ☐ Discuss possible career tracks

## ☐ **Participate in extracurricular activities**

- ☐ Explore your interest in a sport, school club, music or volunteer activity
- ☐ Remember colleges would rather see a student highly engaged in one activity than a student be loosely involved in several activities

## ☐ **Begin to have conversations about paying/saving for college**

- ☐ Have an open conversation with parents/guardians regarding how college is going to be paid for
  - ☐ Think about how much you have to be saving for
  - ☐ Remember financial aid may be an option
- ☐ It is NEVER too early to start saving for college

## ☐ **Explore summer opportunities**

- ☐ Begin looking for a job, internship or volunteer opportunities that will help our your resume and spark more interest in your career path

## ☐ **Get familiar with PSAT/ACT/SAT assessments**

- ☐ Most 4 year institutions consider a student's score on the SAT and/or ACT for admissions
- ☐ Download the free Daily Practice for the New SAT app
  - ☐ This will make you more familiar with test questions