

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN YEAR

GRADE 9

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- ☐ It's normal to feel shy as you transition to high school, but if you have any questions, ask friends, a teacher or a trusted advisor.
- ☐ Try new classes and extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Explore your interests!
- ☐ Develop good study habits.
- ☐ College admission offices will evaluate your grades from ALL four years.
- ☐ Discuss your options after high school with your counselor.
- ☐ Plan to take challenging and advanced level courses.
- ☐ Start a brag sheet: a list of activities, achievements, awards, and other notable accomplishments.
- ☐ Search for part-time or seasonal jobs and volunteer experiences, especially for the summer after freshman year.
- ☐ Save for college. Review & start budgeting for college now. Money from holidays, birthdays, or part-time jobs can go a long way.
- ☐ Think about how your skills and interests might direct you toward a career.
- ☐ Ask people how they got their current jobs. If possible, shadow careers that interest you.
- ☐ Take a look at summer pre-college programs offered by your local UW university.
- ☐ Review UW course requirements for admission.



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