

9th & 10th GRADE CHECKLIST

Academic Goals

- Plan high school courses, learn about RIGOROUS CORE and College Prep courses .
- Research Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered along with Dual enrollment opportunities. BIG \$ savers!
- Sit down and talk to your parents about your post high school plans!
- Do your courses meet your high school graduation requirements? Will your courses prepare you for college level work and meet college entrance requirements?
- Record any awards or achievements you have received during this school year— THIS WILL BE SUPER HELPFUL YOUR SENIOR YEAR!.
- Begin researching and preparing for SCHOLARSHIPS! It is NEVER too Early!
- Learn about NCAA eligibility requirements if you are a student athlete.
- Get to know your Guidance Counselor
- Develop good study skills and attend homework club
- Record your service hours & turn into the Academic Dean. Remember: you need 40 hours (at least) to graduate from PHS. **Community service is a critical component** to college admissions and scholarships! Get as many hours as you can; you never know...it may lead to your future career along with building your character.

Career Goals

- Take an interest survey or career assessment and record results in your MCIS portfolio—**we start MCIS portfolios in the Spring of your 9th grade year**
- Write your possible career goals down. What educational requirements will you need to meet those career options? Research in MCIS.
- Start developing your resume and a list of your strengths and activities, keep it recorded in MCIS
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor!
- If you have the time, Get a job and/or volunteer.

Postsecondary Planning

- Write down your **post** high school educational or career goals.
- Are you planning to take a college readiness test your junior year (PSAT, ACT, SAT)? What do you need to do to prepare? Attend ACT prep class in February!
- Review at least two colleges that meet your post high school goals. Save your results on MCIS.
- Do a review of costs for those colleges. Save your findings in your MCIS portfolio.
- Learn college and career vocabulary, for example, what is FAFSA?
- MEMORIZE your Social Security Number—if you don't know it, go to www.ssa.gov
- Begin researching and preparing for SCHOLARSHIPS!
- Create a professional EMAIL account. This is how ALL colleges communicate with you! CHECK it often!

Extracurricular Activities

- GET INVOLVED! Admissions & scholarships look for students who like to be involved, not just in academics.
- Document in your MCIS portfolio any club, sports, Fine and Performing Arts, community service, work experiences, including summer experiences.
- Document any leadership experiences you have been involved in.