

## College Checklist

	Comments/Notes	Deadline	Done! (Indicate with an "X")
<b>Begin Career Investigation: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Do a career inventory/test or survey			
Talk to experts or find a mentor in jobs that you are interested in exploring			
Job shadow several different careers			
<b>Collect Information About Colleges, Universities, or Technical Schools: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Explore degree programs or college majors			
Pick top 5 programs/majors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>		
Explore admission requirements for each program/major			
Explore housing opportunities			
Explore financial aid options			
Explore costs and tuition			
Talk with your family about going to college			

<b>Take Appropriate College Preparation Courses: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Take courses required for college requirements (these include: English, mathematics, science, history, foreign language, computer, fine arts, etc.			
Take Early College courses <i>List courses in "comments/notes" column</i>			
Check with college of your choice as additional mathematics or science courses may be required.			
Do community service targeted towards post-secondary school.			
<b>Research Financial Aid Sources: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Look on the FAFSA website at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/">http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/</a> for information the filling out your FAFSA			
Check the priority deadline for FAFSA applications at the college of your choice			
Research scholarships and grants			
<b>Take the PSAT or PLAN: Preparation tests for SAT or ACT: 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b>			

Check out books for review of the SAT or ACT at your local library or bookstore			
Schedule the practice test through your guidance counselor or favorite teacher			
<b>Take the SAT or ACT: 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Schedule the SAT or ACT through your guidance counselor	Date of test:		
Find out what test the college of your choice prefers			
Allow yourself enough time to study for the test			Test score:
<b>Begin Correspondence with Colleges, Universities, or Technical Schools</b>			
Contact the Office of Admissions at the colleges of your choice (contact more than one.)			
Contact the Office of Residence Halls for housing information and room availability			
Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information about different types of aid and for help with the FAFSA form			
<b>Plan College Visits: 12<sup>th</sup></b>			

Contact the Office of Admissions or Campus Visit Office for a tour and to speak with an admissions counselor.			
Arrange a campus visit to every college that you are interested in attending			
Find out from the high school guidance office which colleges are hosting open houses and try to attend.			
<b>Apply for Admissions to Colleges: 12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Apply to more than one college-suggestion is 2 to 3 different colleges or universities	1. 2. 3.		
Check with the colleges of your choice about application deadlines.			
Work on and finish your personal statement			
Collect letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, etc. (if needed for college application)			
Write your resume			
Make copies of ALL FORMS before mailing for your files			
<b>Apply for Financial Aid: 12<sup>th</sup></b>			

Make copies of all financial aid forms before mailing			
If you do the FAFSA online, save your pin and any other information in a safe place.			
Check with colleges for any other deadlines that are for that particular institution			
<b>Apply for Housing: FALL of Senior Year!</b>			
Check with colleges for deadlines			
Create a budget with expenses including: food, entertainment, toiletries, etc.			
Make copies of all housing forms before mailing			