

Road Map to Success- 9th Grade

| General Time Frame | Focus Points |
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| August - September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin a strong organizational system using a binder to keep your class work together as well as an agenda to manage your time and school work with activities. • You began your high school graduation plan in 8th grade. This plan includes the courses taken in Middle School for high school credit, your current 9th grade courses, and courses you will take in the future. Your counselor will help you follow your grad plan and make sure that you are taking the correct courses for graduation and for your chosen endorsement. • Join clubs or participate in extracurricular activities. Keep a record of this in a portfolio. You will use your portfolio to develop your high school resume. • Do some volunteer work throughout the year if possible. Keep a record of this in a portfolio. • Develop strong study skills. These skills will follow you throughout high school and into college. |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the PSAT to gain insight into your college readiness. • Explore College Possibilities through Naviance Family Connection. Do the SuperMatch College Search through Naviance to begin looking at different colleges that you may be interested in. • Explore Scholarships and Grants through Naviance or online. You can keep a list of ones that you may qualify for as you progress through high school. |
| November - December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit colleges and talk to college students. This will give you insights of what to expect and helpful hints <u>straight</u> from the source. |
| January - February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the DHS Course Selection Fair to learn about the classes you may want to take next year. • Meet with your counselor to choose courses for your 10th grade year. Make sure that you are following your endorsement pathway. Choose rigorous PreAP and AP courses in your strong subjects. |
| March-May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take 9th grade EOC exams in English 1, Biology and Algebra 1. |
| Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find a summer job or volunteer opportunity • Start saving for college (tuition/dorm/books). • Continue researching scholarships. • Do the summer reading that is required by your school for PreAP English. You will find this at www.Fortbendisd.com. |

Helpful Websites

College Readiness Information

collegefortexans.com

College Entrance Exams

collegeboard.org

act.org

Virtual College Tours

eCampusTours.com

Volunteer Work

VolunteerMatch.org

College Entrance Test Prep through Khan Academy

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