

## 9TH GRADE

All 9th grade planning steps are shown.  
High School Planning steps are highlighted.

**Now that you're in 9th grade, it's time to get serious about your post-secondary plans.**

By starting early, you'll be better prepared.

[Explore Programs and Majors](#)

**Don't neglect your study habits!**

Keep up the good work, and continue to improve your study skills.

[Successful Study Techniques](#)

**Add to or open a college savings account**

Every bit you and your parents put aside for college helps when it's time to enroll.

[NC 529 plan](#)

**Talk to your school counselors, teachers, family members or trusted adults about your plans for college.**

If you're not sure if college is the best option for you, talk to your counselor.

**Use Your Plan of Study to keep track of your courses and grades.**

Invite your counselor to view Your Plan of Study

[Your Plan of Study](#)

**Find out about college entrance requirements for the schools you're interested in.**

[College Search](#)

**Create a file of the following documents and notes:**

report cards, lists of awards and honors, school and community activities, and volunteer work.

**Find out about AP and other honors-level courses.**

**Continue to get involved in campus and community activities.**

**How are you spending your summer?**

Volunteering and educational programs can help give you a better idea about what kind of training or career would be right for you.

[Student Enrichment Programs](#)

**College life can be a big change — you're on your own!**

Try taking some small steps towards independence this year, perhaps with more responsibility around your house.

[Getting Ready For College](#)