



COLLEGE PLANNING FOR FRESHMEN

- Think about what you would like to achieve in the next four years of high school.
- Find out the levels of courses offered by your school.
- Take prerequisite academic courses that are necessary for future Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes.
- Explore your interests by participating in extracurricular activities.
- Begin thinking about life after high school.
- Volunteer for community or public service. This will help to explore your interest and develop leadership skills.
- Start thinking about career options. Talk to your parents/guardians, school guidance counselor and teachers.
- Make an appointment to meet with your school's guidance counselor to get the most out of high school.
- Find a part-time job or summer job to offset college tuition; or participate in a summer internship, volunteer position, or a summer camp or college program. This will help you explore an area of interest and develop responsibility and leadership skills. Colleges look for these characteristics.
- Check out the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements if you are interested in playing sports in college.