**INTRODUCTION**

The High School Planning Timeline can help you get ready for high school and have a successful high school experience. Follow the steps in the timeline throughout the school year. You can print the timeline page and use it as a checklist or a reminder. All the steps you need to follow for high school planning, college planning and financial aid planning are shown for each grade. In this section, the high school planning steps are highlighted. Steps for alternate pathways after high school are also included. There's lots to do. Stay on track.

**CHECKLISTS FOR:**

- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade
Work at developing good study habits.

Maintain good grades.

Start saving for college.

Talk to people who have attended college to learn about their experiences.

Start thinking about which jobs interest you.
What kinds of work would suit your interests, abilities, aptitudes, values and learning styles?

Get involved in extracurricular activities like clubs, student organizations, sports and volunteer work.

If you're given opportunities to pursue academic subjects and extracurricular activities that are new to you, take them!
It will help you to expand your outlook.

Look into additional academic options that may be available in your area, such as magnet programs and school enrichment programs.

Check out summer programs available in your community.

Practice your time management skills.
Learning to make the most efficient use of your time can help prevent you from getting overwhelmed.

Improve your reading, writing and math skills.
These basic skills will serve you well in both college and career.