

Freshmen—9th Grade

Here are some important things to consider when you enter 9th grade. Graduation will be here before you know it and being prepared is the best way to succeed and enjoy the journey!

- Meet with the administration to
 - Choose a Diploma Option (Career Path, General, Standard, or College Prep)
 - Select your classes and map out your 4-year plan)
- Take the most challenging courses you can successfully handle.
 - Colleges look at the type and level of courses you take in high school.
- Begin your Community Service as of the 1st day of your freshman year.
 - You have 4 years to earn your hours (75 or 100 depending on the diploma)
- Work hard to get good grades.
 - Your GPA is important.
 - Doing well in your 9th grade courses sets you up for success in the years to come.
 - Learn good time management and be diligent.
- Begin to explore career paths and areas of interest.
 - If possible find community service opportunities in fields you are interested in.
- Be aware of Scholarship information –especially Florida Bright Futures.
 - Scholarships are accepted at Florida state colleges and universities AS WELL AS many trade schools.
- Ask for help when you need it.

A good place to begin your career and/or college exploration is
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/filters>