



College Planning Checklist for Freshmen and Sophomores

1. Visit the **Class of 2026 or 2027 Schoology pages** weekly. This is where important information regarding college and career planning will be shared. (on Schoology, click “Courses” then look for the class page; on the Class page, click “Updates” on the left side menu).
2. Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your plans and plot the high school courses you’ll need to meet your goals.
3. Get involved! Join clubs and volunteer in the community.
4. Explore career options. Resources are on the College and Career Center page of the MHS website.
5. Take the **PSAT** in October 2023 (See Mr. Gage for registration information). It is good practice for the SAT and can help guide your test preparation plans. Plan to take the PSAT in 9th, 10th and 11th grade. The test is only offered one time per year – in October.
6. Take the most rigorous curriculum in which you can be successful. Doing so will prepare you for college and career options.
7. **Grades matter!** Your grades in 9th and 10th grade will affect your overall GPA, critical for college acceptances. Don’t dig yourself into a hole that will be difficult to get out of next year!
8. Be sure you are on the path to **complete 2 to 3 years of the same world language (foreign language)** – a requirement for most colleges and one of the requirements for the Florida Bright Futures scholarship program.
9. Get familiar with the requirements for Florida Bright Futures. Be aware of the courses/grades that will factor into your eligibility when you are a senior. Visit <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org> to learn more. It is your responsibility to know and meet the requirements!
10. Attend college fairs – whether in person or virtual. These are great ways to learn about many different types of colleges.