

9th Grade

Now Everything “Counts”

1. GRADES MATTER

Freshman grades are used to calculate GPA for college admissions and scholarships. The courses, trimester grades, and credits are a part of the student’s transcript. For college admissions, the more selective the school, the more important the grades are

- ❖ Monitor academic progress: carefully read progress and grade reports
- ❖ Consult with individual teachers if your student is struggling in a course
- ❖ Provide encouragement and support

2. PLAN 10TH GRADE COURSES

Sophomores typically take the following courses in 10th grade:

- ❖ English
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Biology/Health
- ❖ Foreign Language
- ❖ U.S. History
- ❖ Physical Education, computer science, or other electives

3. GET INVOLVED

Students should find activities to get involved in, and if possible, take on a leadership role. Depth of involvement is also important because it shows focus and commitment.

As a freshman they can

- ❖ Try a new sport or join a club
- ❖ Participate in activities outside of school (church, scouting)
- ❖ Do community service (Red Cross, Humane Society, Science Works, etc.)
- ❖ Keep track of activities and awards in a folder or on your computer and update annually

4. PLAN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

With school ending in early June, now is the time to discuss summer plans. A number of possibilities exist:

- ❖ Attend a summer program at a college or university
- ❖ Do volunteer work (YMCA and other summer camps are excellent options)
- ❖ Get a job
- ❖ Take a fun class from a summer program through RCC/SOU
- ❖ Participate in sports camps