

FRESHMAN YEAR

Students

To Do:

- You should be aware that course selection from the beginning of high school is one of the most important parts of selective college admissions. Talk to your guidance counselor or teachers about the courses available, whether you are eligible, and how to enroll in them
- Make sure that you are taking the most challenging courses available to you. Talk to your guidance counselor or teachers about Advanced Placement courses.
- Become involved in activities you enjoy. Students who are involved with their high school community will most likely be involved in their college campus.
- Start planning for college and thinking about your career interests. Take your Individual Learning Plan seriously as you work to the 100% completion status in your Computer and Technology Applications course.
- Make a list of your awards, honors, paid or volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Consider participating in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts, and science.
- You should explore www.college.gov for some reasons to consider college and ways you can get help.

Parents

To Do:

- Make sure you are fully aware of the provisions of any college savings accounts you have opened for your child.
- Ask your child about their Individual Learning Plan. Your child can share it with you online with his/her username and password.
- Visit www.college.gov and click on “parents/family” to learn how to help your child go to college.
- Go to www.ed.gov/parents and click on “Parents School Box” to access “Challenging High School for All.”