

Ninth Grade

Welcome to high school! Your 9th grade courses and grades are included on your high school transcript. This is what colleges will be looking at when you apply to them.

__ Talk to your parents, teachers, counselor or any other adult you respect about making college plans. Seek their advice.

__ Do your best in school. **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...” Colossians 3:23** Grades count! If a course is difficult, get help from a teacher or ask about a tutor.

__ Are you involved in extracurricular and enrichment programs during the school year and the summer? Pick something you like to do and go for it. Colleges are looking for well-rounded students.

__ Think about careers that interest you. **Pray about it!** God has given you talents, so find a way to use them for His glory. Find people in those careers and ask them how education prepared them for their jobs. Ask your parents, teachers, and other adults to help you meet people in careers that interest you.

__ Create a college file and put in it items from your high school years such as:

- *copies of your report cards
- *a list of awards and honors you receive
- *a list of school and community organizations and clubs you join, including dates of service and offices held
- *a list of paid and volunteer jobs you have held
- *a list of books you have read

__ Begin investigating sources of financial aid for college—loans, educational savings plans, grants, scholarships, etc.