

Grade Specific Information for Freshmen

- Ninth grade marks the beginning of high school education and college preparation.
- Meet with your counselor throughout the school year.
- A strong academic foundation will qualify students for future honor/AP classes.
- Avoid retaking classes later in high school and take full advantage of future electives by earning a minimum of C- in all classes.
- Get involved by joining an on-campus club (ASB, athletics, Drumline, etc.) or by beginning a new on-campus club. Volunteer in your community or participate in internships of interest.
- When selecting classes for next year, review the *A-G Course List* and *ACA Graduation Requirements* located under *Resource Documents* on ParentsWeb. This list is updated yearly to reflect current class offerings.
- East coast schools and highly-selective California colleges will use grades earned in 9th grade to calculate a student's college entrance GPA.
- College planning is essential. These websites can assist with college planning:
 - www.actstudent.org/college/checklist
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/make-a-plan>
- If you are planning to play a sport in college, register with NCAA and/or NAIA.