

Freshman College checklist

\	Fall	K	Spring	K	Summer
	Take the most challenging, but realistic class load you can.		Get involved, clubs, activities, and community involvement look great on a college application.		Plan for next year. Choose a challenging second-year course load.
	Make an appointment to meet with Mr. Howe and see what advice he has on college planning.		Start to get involved in the community by doing community service. Record and keep track of your credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).		It's good to chill for the summer, but continue to build credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.) to make schools want you at their school.
	Go to FloridaShines and download Florida's College & Career Planner, to choose the right classes to prepare you for college.		Start learning about college. Look at the information available in Mr. Howe's office, at the library, and on FloridaShines.		Don't forget about your summer reading list. Complete all reading assignments so they are ready to turn in the first week of the year. Check with your ELA teacher about this.
	Create a MyCareerShines account and complete the assessments, so you can begin thinking about colleges and careers that fit your interest.		Get familiar with the requirements for Florida Bright Futures. Be aware of the courses/grades that will factor in to your eligibility when you are a senior. Visit http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssf ad/bf to learn more.		
	Take the PSAT in October. Ask Mr. Howe when the test will be.				