



## COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST



Freshmen Year – **D**ISCOVER – find your likes, dislikes and interests.

- Make a four year plan
- Have a goal for post high school plans
- Get to know your counselor
- Take the RIGHT classes and do WELL
- Explore careers and/or colleges
- Get involved in your school and community
- Apply for scholarships
- VISIT THE CAREER CENTER REGULARLY, BOTH OFFICE AND ON OUR WEBSITE!

Sophomore Year – **O**PTIONS – explore and research your options.

- Update your four year plan and goals
- Continue to make sure you do WELL in the RIGHT classes
- Keep up school involvement and community service
- Continue to apply for scholarships, update your activity list
- Consider taking the PSAT for practice in the Fall
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Junior Year – **G**OAL SETTING – make decisions about your future.

- Update your four year plan and goals
- Continue to do WELL in the RIGHT classes
- Get involved in clubs and your community
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Take the PSAT in the FALL
- List your honors, activities and community service since your freshmen year
- Collect letters of recommendation
- Take college field trips, in person or virtually via the Internet
- Set up an email account JUST for colleges information to make it easy for you.
- Explore your career and talk to experts in the field
- Take your ACT and SAT exams in the Spring
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## SENIOR YEAR – SUCCESS – time for action on your decisions!

- Finalize your goal for your future after high school
- Attend any and all workshops and guest speakers, especially in YOUR Career Center.
- Put together your portfolio of your list of honors, awards, activities, work experience and community service. Make a list! Remember, if it is a PAID activity, it can be work experience. If it is UNPAID, it can be community service.
- Collect letters of recommendation. Our suggestion is to ask TEN people for letters. They should address the three main facets of YOU. Academics, activities and any service or someone who knows your personal qualities. Be respectful of people's time and ask TWO weeks in advance.
- Do an autobiography about yourself. This can be used for MANY scholarships.
- Do the master scholarship application for Oak Hills Bulldog Seniors.
- Request official transcripts for scholarships and/or colleges
- Make a list of colleges to which you will apply. Put specific materials and information needed for each college and apply!
- Set up an email account JUST for colleges information to make it easy for you.
- Make a list of your passwords for college, financial aid, emails, etc.
- Take your ACT and/or SAT by December. Use study tools such as workshops and online sources.
- Continue to apply for scholarships and explore financial aid
- Do your Cal Grant forms as soon as you get them in your first grad check AND turn them in!
- Do your FAFSA in January.
- Take AP tests to get ahead in college
- Get ready for college and follow up with your chosen college! (housing, letter of intent, budget, orientations, etc. etc.)
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- GRADUATE!

