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| **9th Grade College and Career Prep Timeline** |
| August | * + **Sign up to take challenging classes such as Pre-AP and AP courses.**
	+ **Develop a four year high school plan if you have not already done so.**
	+ **Get to know your counselor & other college resources available in your school.**
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| September | * + **Explore different careers and interview professionals to find out about their day to day job responsibilities, benefits and challenges.**
	+ **Join a club or a team. Start a club on your campus.**
	+ **Sign up for volunteer activities.**
	+ **Begin to take your pathway classes and explore CTE courses.**
	+ **Attend the district college fair.**
	+ **Take the Pre-ACT**
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| October | * + **Update your six-year plan**
	+ **Keep Documentation of your awards and successes**
	+ **Continue to volunteer 20 hours a semester.**
	+ **Continue to challenge yourself in your courses and prepare yourself for college and vocational training by doing research on the websites and by visiting college campuses.**
	+ **Take the PSAT**
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| November | * + **Start thinking about your dream career.**
	+ **Gather information about your career such as average pay, required education etc.**
	+ **Update your academic resume with your community service hours, AP courses and activities.**
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| December | * + **Go on a college tour over break with your parents/guardians.**
	+ **Research vocational courses; and dual credit courses to get college credit while in high school.**
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| January | * + **Discuss your goals with family and teachers to get direction when selecting courses.**
	+ **Select courses that will prepare you for your career goals.**
	+ **Keep up with your classes; grades are one of the top things universities consider.**
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| February | * + **Update your six-year plan**
	+ **Get to know your graduation plan; plan your classes with your counselor.**
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| March | * + **Learn the difference between dual credit, AP and  CTE articulated and dual credit courses**
	+ **Become familiar with college entrance requirements for your target universities/colleges**
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| April | * + **Do your best on the state assessment tests.**
	+ **Take practice SAT and ACT exams**
	+ **Decide what leadership roles you would like to consider.**
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| May | * + **Begin looking at scholarship opportunities.  There are some available for all grade levels but these generally require essays.**
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