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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.** |
| 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** |
| 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** |
| 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.** |
| 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.** |
| 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.** |
| February | * + **Update your six-year plan**   + **Get to know your graduation plan; plan your classes with your counselor.** |
| 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** |
| April | * + **Do your best on the state assessment tests.**   + **Take practice SAT and ACT exams**   + **Decide what leadership roles you would like to consider.** |
| May | * + **Begin looking at scholarship opportunities.  There are some available for all grade levels but these generally require essays.** |