

SUCCESS CHECKLIST - 10th GRADE

As a sophomore, you are now familiar with what high school life is and what is expected from you. You can continue to explore more courses outside of the those required to graduate and see what other activities may match your interests or offer some diversity to your student life. Below are some points to consider and follow to make your second year at Reagan High School a success.

- Continue to interact and develop your relationships with your counselor and your teachers. These individuals are very supportive in helping you with your course work, discussing future opportunities, and helping you select the courses you need to meet your post-graduation goals.
- Continue taking courses which will sharpen your skills for college and enhance your admission prospects.
- Talk with your teachers to determine the appropriate levels of course placement for your Junior year. Junior year coursework and grades are reported to be the most important set of grades reviewed during the college admission process. Challenge yourself to take honors and seminar courses to stretch your abilities and knowledge. Familiarize yourself with the Advanced Placement (AP) course selections and their requirements, testing and costs at Reagan High School and the Career Center.
- Review your high school transcript as you build it. Know your GPA (**Grade Point Average** - points awarded for your class grade divided by the number of courses and calculated at the end of each semester), QPA (**Quality Point Average** - points awarded for your grade with the extra points awarded for the level of class difficulty, i.e. Honors and AP classes) and class rank so you can determine whether your achievements are in line with your goals, and become aware of any improvements you might need to make.
- Know your graduation requirements. See our Student Services counselor if you have questions.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT if you are enrolled in Geometry.
- Look into and participate in enrichment/service programs and activities which will enhance your resume for college and scholarship opportunities.
 1. Applications to summer camps, leadership programs and educational programs.
 2. Community service through church groups, local agencies, or school programs,
 3. Participation in school clubs, sports and special events.
 4. Apply for ongoing opportunities such as Crosby Scholars.
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- Begin to research careers and colleges. Use online resources.
 1. College Foundation - cfnc.org
 2. College Board - collegeboard.com
 3. College Confidential - collegeconfidential.com
 4. Student Services Counselors
 5. Student Services Resource Room

- Update your folder with all of your activities, awards, honors and community service. A computer generated spreadsheet may be a very good way to organize and store the information.
- Get a head start on preparing to apply for college.
 1. Begin your resume of activities, awards, honors, service and jobs.
 2. READ, READ, READ! The best way to prepare for the SAT/ACT tests.
 3. Keep track of experiences that challenge you, books/movies/art that you love, accomplishments you make and current events that affect you. These can provide you with future topics for college and scholarship essays.
- Begin visiting colleges in the area. Try to identify the size of the college (500, 5000 or 25,000 students) you are comfortable with attending, the location (urban, suburban, rural), Distance from home (25, 100, 500 or 1000 miles from home) and if a private or public college is your preference.