

College Readiness Checklist

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9th Grade

Fall

- ☐ Take the most challenging (and realistic) course load for which you are eligible.
- ☐ Your school counselors are great resources. Make an appointment to meet with one to seek advice on college planning.
- ☐ Go to FloridaShines and download the “[Tools for Success](#)” worksheets. They’re loaded with great tips and tricks to help you enjoy a successful Freshman year.
- ☐ Check out the FloridaShines [career pages](#) and begin exploring options for your education and career.

Spring

- ☐ Get involved! Clubs, activities, and community involvement look great on a college application.
- ☐ Record and keep track of your credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).
- ☐ Start learning about college. Look at the information available in your school counselor’s office, at the library, and on [FloridaShines](#).

Summer

- ☐ Plan a challenging 10th grade course load.
- ☐ Make your summer count. Continue to build your credentials (e.g., awards, volunteer hours).
- ☐ Complete all summer reading assignments so they are ready to turn in the first week of the year. Remember, reading more than what is required is always helpful!

