

Mile Marker 9: Objectives for Freshmen Year

9th grade year is a big transition! Below you will find some key things that students need to know or do during their first year of high school, along with notes and names of key people who can help with each step along the way.

Timeline	Task	Notes/Contact Person
All year	<p>Pass all classes! Students' grades will affect various things, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligibility for sports - Eligibility to continue in honors classes* - Future eligibility for HOPE - and, most importantly, progress toward graduation. <p>In order to be on track for graduation, students must earn at least 5 credits during Freshman year, 2.5 in semester 1 and 2.5 in semester 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress Reports go home every 4 ½ weeks! - Parents can check grades and attendance ANY time using PowerSchool. <p>* To continue in gifted/honors, students must maintain an average of 80 or better in all gifted/honors courses each term. Students who don't meet this criteria will be placed on probation. * Students must maintain an overall GPA of 92.5 in order to be an Honor Graduate.</p>
All year	<p>Maintain good attendance! Good attendance is critical to students' success and should be a priority for students <i>and</i> parents.</p> <p>Students who miss more than 7 days in a class may lose credit for that class, even if they earn a passing grade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students with more than 7 absences will have to appeal to receive credit. - If your student is absent, please send an excuse within 3 school days.
Any time	<p>Find a club, sport, or activity. RHS has a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Get involved!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For more information on clubs, sports, and activities, see our website.
Any time	<p>Attend tutoring if needed. All students struggle at some point. Every subject area offers tutoring before and after school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the tutoring schedule, please see our website or contact the office.
January/February	<p>Register for classes for next year. At this time you will begin to explore Pathway options to narrow down your choices.</p>	<p>Mrs. Lee, Asst. Principal Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Cohen - 9th grade Counselor</p>
Semester 2	<p>Begin exploring YouScience. YouScience is a platform that assesses students' strengths and aptitudes and offers insight as they explore careers related to those strengths.</p>	<p>Mrs. Riley, Work-Based Learning Coordinator College and Career Academy</p>
END OF YEAR	<p>Minimum number of credits earned to be on track for graduation:</p>	<p>5 credits</p>