

9th – College Prep Timeline

- Now that you are in 9th grade, it is time to get serious about your post-secondary plans. By starting early, you'll be better prepared.
- Don't neglect your study habits! Keep up the good work, and continue to improve your study skills.
- If you don't have one, sign up for a college saving account. If you have an existing account, be sure to add to your savings regularly.
- Talk to your guidance counselors, teachers, family members, or trusted adults about your plans for college. If you're not sure if college is the best option for you, talk to your counselor.
- Use your transcript and HAC account to keep track of your courses and grades.
- Find out about college entrance requirements for the schools you're interested in.
- Create a file of the following documents and notes: report cards, lists of awards and honors, school and community activities, and volunteer work.
- Start thinking about the colleges you want to attend.
- Find out about AP and other honor-level courses.
- Continue to get involved in campus and community activities.
- Start taking the ACT, SAT, and Compass exams. These will help you qualify for scholarships, college entrance, and concurrent credit.