

Freshman Checklist



- Study hard.** Build good study habits to keep your grades in tip-top shape.
- Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma's 529 college savings plan (OK4Saving.org) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in the parents' name.
- Sign up for Oklahoma's Promise.** If you didn't apply during 8th grade, visit OKPromise.org for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program.
- Talk it up.** Discuss your future plans with your guidance counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults.
- Take the right classes.** To be college-bound, your class schedule should contain at least four college-preparatory classes per year, including:
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of math (at or above Algebra I)
 - 3 units of laboratory science
 - 3 units of history/citizenship skills
 - 2 units of electives from the areas above or foreign language or computer scienceSome educational institutions recommend you take an extra unit in math, an additional unit in lab science and two units in speech or fine arts (music, art or drama).
- Check it out.** Investigate college entrance requirements at OKcollegestart.org.
- Track it.** Use the High School Planner found at OKcollegestart.org to keep track of your courses and grades. Invite your counselor to view your online High School Planner to help keep you on track for success.
- File it away.** Create a "My future" file which should contain the following items:

Copies of report cards	Lists of awards and honors
Lists of paid or volunteer school and community activities	Skill assessment quizzes and results
- Think about it.** Start thinking about possible careers that interest you. If you don't know what you want to do, check out the Career Quiz Worksheet under the Resources tab at UCanGo2.org to get some ideas.
- Take it to the next level.** Investigate AP and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.

Visit UCanGo2.org for tools to help you plan, prepare and pay for college!