

Freshman Checklist

Fall Semester

- Meet your counselor and get to know them
- Review your schedule to make sure you are enrolled in classes that are rigorous and challenging for YOU. Most colleges prefer three years of foreign language and four years (not credits) of core courses.
- Start thinking about goals - post high school, career
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Keep a running list of your activities, honors/awards, community service, etc.
- Develop good work habits for homework and time management skills

Take the 9th grade PSAT

- We give this schoolwide so take advantage of it!
- Do your best.
- This is a good predictor of how well you will do on the actual SAT

Spring Semester

- Do your best on End-of-Course exams (EOCs).
- Prepare for your semester exams

Signing up for courses for next fall

- Talk to your counselor and teachers about taking AP, Dual Credit, or Dual Enrollment courses. This way, you can maximize earning college credit while in high school.
- Check your progress towards earning graduation credits.
- Revise and update your four year plan in TEAMS and make sure you are completing needed classes.

Learn about colleges

- Visit colleges online, take virtual tours, visit nearby campuses
- Niche, College Board Big Future, and Own Your Own Future are great college search engines in addition to using Naviance College SuperMatch within the AISD portal.

Stay focused

- Make sure to do your best.
- Your GPA (which drives your class rank) is used when you apply to college. It is calculate for ALL coursework taken from 9th through 11th grade.

Explore summer opportunities

- Look for valuable summer opportunities (internships, job, or classes)
- Keep track of your volunteer activities and enrichment programs
- Start a summer reading list
- Visit college campuses if you can and/or attend special events on college campuses