

## Complete March through Early June (spring – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student):

1. \_\_\_\_ Become involved in community service
  - Explore your career interests and gain real-world experience
  - Begin community service hours for scholarships and leadership experience
2. \_\_\_\_ Create career goals and begin exploring your choice of postsecondary education (i.e. college, technical school, military)
3. \_\_\_\_ Register with your school counselor to take challenging and interesting classes in high school
  - Take Algebra I or Geometry your 9<sup>th</sup> grade year
4. \_\_\_\_ Develop strong study habits
5. \_\_\_\_ Create a professional email address and check your email regularly

## Complete Mid-June through Early August (summer – rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade student):

6. \_\_\_\_ Take an interest inventory to identify possible career options by visiting:
  - <http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip>
  - [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)
  - <https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career/plan-your-future>
7. \_\_\_\_ Ask your parent/guardian to help you research college and career programs to participate in during the summer and school year
8. \_\_\_\_ Participate in your high school 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
9. \_\_\_\_ Research different careers fields that you find interesting
  - Consider the following:
    - Level of education required for career
    - Summer programs available to high school students in these career fields
    - Colleges, universities, technical or trade schools that provide career path
    - Internships/volunteer opportunities available and when you can apply
10. \_\_\_\_ Stay sharp during the summer by reading books, reviewing classroom material from the previous school year and planning for the upcoming year

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