College and Career Checklist: 8th Grade

Complete March through Early June (spring – 8th 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 9th 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 9th grade student):

6. ___ Take an interest inventory to identify possible career options by visiting:
   • [http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)
   • [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)
   • [https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career/plan-your-future](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 9th 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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