



## **Quarter 4**

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sign up to take challenging and interesting classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Math – Algebra I or Geometry
- Language – Colleges look for at least two years of a language, so either continue with or register for a class in Spanish or another language that your high school offers
- Advanced Classes – Talk to the high school counselors and your Social Studies teachers about the Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced International Certificates of Education (AICE) offered by your high school
- Honors Electives – Consider registering for the elective classes in your high school that offer honors weight, such as Engineering

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Learn about how your grade point average (GPA) works and find out why it's important.**

- If you've taken Algebra, Spanish, or Cambridge Global Perspectives classes in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you will already have a GPA when you start 9<sup>th</sup> grade. GPA is one way that colleges evaluate whether you will be a good fit for their schools.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Make a summer plan**

- Start to earn volunteer community service hours so you can earn a college scholarship - check the Champions For Learning website for places you can volunteer

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Study for finals**

- Finish strong. If you need a study space or additional tutoring, ask Champions For Learning staff for help by emailing [lab@championsforlearning.org](mailto:lab@championsforlearning.org)

## **Summer After 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Research different career fields that you find interesting:**

- <http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip>
- [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)
- <https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career/plan-your-future>
- <https://roadtripnation.com/>

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Read at least two books.** If you like contemporary fiction, click [here](#). If you want to read some classics to help develop your reading skills for the SAT, click [here](#).

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Participate in your high school 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation.** Those are usually held in the beginning of August. Check your high school website for more information. To find your high school website, just type the name of your high school into your web browser's search bar.

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