

## Ninth Grade Guidance



### Checklist for guidance:

- Visit guidance counselor and plan a curriculum that will meet college entrance requirements and put you in the most challenging courses you can handle.
- Study hard! Ninth grade A's and D's DO count when you apply to college. Your transcript will be your resume.
- Take the PSAT in September. This test will help you prepare for the SAT & ACT.
- Discuss your PSAT test results with your guidance counselor. Link test results to Khan Academy to practice and improve for the PSAT 10, which will be taken in the spring of sophomore year.
- Read for pleasure, however, read challenging material that can help build your vocabulary skills for the SAT & ACT.
- Join Clubs and activities in and outside of school to develop your interests, abilities and leadership skills.
- Take the career/interest test at the following link: <https://openpsychometrics.org/tests/RIASEC/> . Email the link with your results to the guidance counselor.
- Spend some time researching colleges that offer programs with your interests.
- Begin considering steps to pay for college.
- Begin community service hours.

### Graduation Requirements: 28 Credits

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits: must include Algebra I, Geometry I, Algebra II
- 3 Science credits: must include Biology I, Chemistry, and one equally rigorous science with labs
- 4 Social Science credits: Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government/Economics
- 1 Physical Education credit – HOPE
- 1 online class
- 1 Performing Arts or Practical Arts credit
- 8 Elective credits
- Bible classes do count for elective credits
- Community Service Hours