



Texas GEAR UP Educator College-Prep Checklists

9th GRADE

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Provide tips on how freshmen can start to plan for college now.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/college-prep-tools>
- http://www.firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Planning_checklist_files/Grade%209%20Checklist.pdf
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/college-prep-checklist.pdf>

- ❑ Help students choose the classes and activities they will need for college.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/prep/high-school-classes-required-for-college-admission/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/get-college-ready-now>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/outside-the-classroom/extracurriculars-matter-to-you-and-to-colleges>

- ❑ Ensure freshmen understand the differences between AP and dual credit classes.

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/how-to-take-your-classes-to-the-next-level>

- ❑ Provide first-generation students information and tips to help them navigate high school and prep for college.

RESOURCE

- <http://www.firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Introduction.html>

- ❑ Help students build their study skills for success in high school and college.

RESOURCE

- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/improving-study-habits.shtml>

- ❑ **Distribute information to freshmen on how to use their summers to prepare for college.**

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/outside-the-classroom/5-ways-to-stay-on-track-in-summer>

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ **Make sure students understand that what they do in high school matters when applying for college.**

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/your-high-school-record/what-you-do-in-high-school-matters>

- ❑ **Share details with freshmen about the different types of colleges and degrees that are offered.**

RESOURCE

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/prep/ask-the-admissions-office/>

- ❑ **Provide students tools to help them chronicle their high school classes and activities for their college applications.**

RESOURCE

- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/building-your-brag-sheet>

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ **Share information with students and parents on how much college costs and how to pay for it.**

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/understanding_college_costs
- <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students/costs-and-financial-aid.html>

PREPARING FOR CAREER

- ❑ **Provide tools for freshmen to explore different career interests.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover/face-off>
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover/explore>
- <https://www.bls.gov/k12/>