

What You Should Be Doing NOW as a Freshman...

Fall Semester

- Build strong academic, language, mathematics, and critical thinking skills by taking challenging courses.
- Review your courses for this year and be sure you're taking those required to meet graduation requirements. If you have questions, make sure to see Ms. Lopez, your counselor.
- Do your best in all classes. Remember, college acceptance is based on your performance in grades 9 through 12.
- Join extracurricular groups such as clubs, sports teams, or the school's government. Look for additional volunteer opportunities.
- Make sure to keep a journal of all activities/clubs/awards that you receive during the next three years. You will use that information when applying to college your senior year.
- Start thinking about your dream career. Collect information in a file.

Spring Semester

- Talk to people with interesting jobs and ask lots of questions.
- Use the Internet to locate summer enrichment program opportunities, and college and scholarship information.
- Discuss college plans with your parents and your counselor.

Summer

- Take an extra high school class or participate in a summer enrichment program to enhance your academic skills.
- Read and write!