

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL!

Having just stepped foot in high school, going to college may seem to be in the distant future. Your goals may completely change in the next 4 years! Whatever the future holds, we want to make sure you're ready and well informed about your higher education options.

1 MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Getting to know your counselor is really important. They can help you design your class schedule, suggest activities to get involved in, and strategize a 4-year plan to guide you through high school.



STUDY HABITS

High school is typically where most students develop **study habits** that are right for them. Some students can absorb info just from reading, others have to take notes. Find out what works for you and stick with it!



2 GET INVOLVED & TRY NEW THINGS!

One of the best things about high school is getting involved in different **extracurricular activities**. Not sure what you're interested in? Attend a few kick-off meetings to get a sense of the types of students who are members. You never know if you'll fall in love with an interest or sport, so keep an open mind.

3 LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Look at the college information available at your counselor's office. Talk to older friends or students. Get a sense of what you can do now to put yourself in the best position to succeed. Our **college profile search** is a great place to start your research.

4 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

Discuss **college tuition** with your parents. At this point, you may not know if college is for you - but if it's an option you're exploring, start saving now! You'll give yourself more options come application time.

INTERNSHIP ADVICE

For all kinds of awesome job ideas and internships options for freshmen, check out this **post** and start your summer plans!

5 MAKE SUMMER COUNT

Volunteer, take classes at summer school, or get a job during the **summer**! What's important is that you spend your time discovering activities that you're interested in - these experiences will come in handy when you're writing application essays!

