



PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



9TH GRADE

- Grades count! The higher your GPA, the better your chances of getting into college and receiving scholarships.
- Talk to your counselor now about programs that allow you to earn college credit while in high school.
- Learn time management skills.
- Continue to use a planner for school assignments and important deadlines.
- Get to know your counselors and IKIC advisor.
- Explore extracurricular activities such as school clubs, student government, sports, church programs and volunteer opportunities in your community.
- Have fun, be curious, study, and do your best!
- Participate in summer academic enrichment activities.
- Work with your counselor to plan out your coursework. Learn about the admissions requirements for colleges you are interested in so you can make wise decisions in your course planning.
- Explore SchoolLinks and research the subjects and careers you're interested in. Set future goals and learn about the things you need to begin working on now to achieve these goals.
- CCS students are required to complete 120 internship hours to graduate. Ask your counselor about internship opportunities and keep track of these hours.
- Try to increase your college savings. Ask adults at school about summer job opportunities for students your age.
- Find people who have careers that interest you and ask to job shadow them for a day.

Visit iknowican.org for more strategies and tips on how to complete this list.

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