



8th Grade Planning Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you make the most of your time in school and to prepare you for college. It's never too soon to start planning your future!

- Complete and turn in every homework assignment on time. Get help if you need it. There are no excuses when you get to college.
- Do the best you can in all of your classes. Make sure you know which classes this year will show up on your high school transcript. Talk to your counselor.
- Don't be afraid of taking challenging courses. Enroll in courses that prepare you for college—Math, Science, Foreign Languages, English, Social Studies and Fine Arts.
- Get involved in school activities that you enjoy and that matter to you. Think about becoming active in your community as well.
- Begin thinking about what courses you'd like to take in high school and how this will affect your future in college
- Use your planner to keep track of important deadlines, meetings and assignments. Keep important documents in a folder so they don't get lost.
- Practice outlining and taking notes when you are reading. In addition to class assignments, read as much and as often as you can—books, magazines and newspapers.
- Participate in summer enrichment programs. Research them on the Internet and ask your counselor for details. Deadlines are usually in the spring.
- Save for college. Try to increase your weekly or monthly goal. Consider opening a savings account at a bank to keep your college fund safe.
- CCS students are required to complete 120 internship hours to graduate from high school. Ask your counselor about internship opportunities and keep track of these hours in your college binder.
- Participate in I Know I Can's Career Exploration Program. Use VR headsets to try out different careers.

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