

College Preparation Checklist

Freshman

- ___ Take challenging classes in English, mathematics, science, history, the arts, and foreign language.
- ___ Get to know your guidance counselor as well as other college resources available in your school.
- ___ Start thinking about which high school classes will best prepare you for college.
- ___ Talk to adults in a variety of professions to determine what they like and dislike about their jobs and what kind of education is needed for each job.
- ___ Keep your grades up because your G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) is an extremely important part of your transcript.

Sophomore

- ___ Become involved in school or community based extracurricular activities (before or after school) that interest you and/or enable you to explore career options.
- ___ Take the PSAT exam. This exam is offered to all Sophomore.
- ___ Take challenging classes in English, mathematics, science, history, the arts, and foreign language.
- ___ Talk to adults in a variety of professions to determine what they like and dislike about their jobs and what kind of education is needed for each job.
- ___ Keep your grades up because your G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) is an extremely important part of your transcript.
- ___ Start to look at college websites to see what schools may interest you.

Junior

- ___ Meet with the guidance counselor to discuss colleges and requirements.
- ___ Visit colleges and talk to students- can pick up forms in guidance office.
- ___ Consider people to ask for recommendations- teachers, counselors, employers, etc...
- ___ Use your PLAN and/or PSAT test results to prepare for the ACT and/or SAT.
- ___ Register for and take the SAT and ACT. If you have difficulty paying the registration fee, see the guidance counselor- you should take at least one test in the spring and another in the summer.
- ___ Keep your grades up because your G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) is an extremely important part of your transcript.
- ___ Attend O.U. L. College fair.
- ___ Review transcript with guidance counselor to ensure accuracy.
- ___ Investigate colleges and scholarships.
- ___ When scheduling for your classes for senior year, take advantage of taking senior courses that meet all requirements for graduation.
- ___ Make a list of colleges that you are seriously considering (Try to narrow it down to 3 or 4).
- ___ Meet college representatives when they visit Millersport.
- ___ Create a profile of the kind of school that you believe would best fit you. Rank order the criteria (size, location, majors, housing, activities, cost, etc.) in order of importance to you.
- ___ Create a resume.
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Senior

- ___ Meet with the guidance counselor early in the year to discuss your plans.
- ___ Get involved with extracurricular activities.
- ___ Review transcript with guidance counselor for accuracy.
- ___ Stay on top of your grades- GPA is still very important.
- ___ Inform the guidance counselor of colleges that you may be interested in attending.
- ___ Complete all necessary financial aid forms, especially the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Apply online at:

www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ___ If possible, visit colleges that most interest you.
- ___ Register for and take the SAT and/or ACT.
- ___ Attend O.U. L. college fair.
- ___ Meet the college representatives when they visit Millersport.
- ___ Fill out college applications carefully. Follow the instructions, and **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!**
- ___ Be sure to ask teachers and counselors at least two weeks before your application deadline to submit the necessary documents to colleges (your transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc...).
- ___ Apply and complete necessary paperwork for the Fairfield Foundation scholarships, and other scholarships
- ___ Apply for more than more college.
- ___ Apply for colleges on-line (sometimes, this saves you the registration fee).
- * Keep copies of everything you send on-line and through the mail.
- * You should start getting acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- * Do not get a case of senioritis- this will still affect your GPA and possibly your admission into some college.