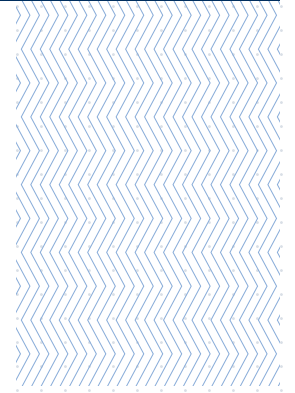


COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN YEAR

GRADE 9



- **It's normal to feel shy as you transition to high school, but if you have any questions, ask friends, a teacher or a trusted advisor.**
- **Try new classes and extracurricular activities.**
- **Explore your interests!**
- **Develop good study habits.**
College admission offices will evaluate your grades from ALL four years.
- **Discuss your options after high school with your counselor.**
- **Plan to take challenging and advanced level courses.**
- **Start a brag sheet: a list of activities, achievements, awards, and other notable accomplishments.**
- **Search for part-time or seasonal jobs and volunteer experiences, especially for the summer after freshman year.**
- **Save for college.**
Money from holidays, birthdays, or part-time jobs can go a long way.
- **Think about how your skills and interests might direct you toward a career.**
- **Ask people how they got their current jobs.**
If possible, shadow careers that interest you.
- **Take a look at summer pre-college programs offered by your local UW campuses.**
- **Review UW campus course requirements for admission.**
- **Review & start budgeting for college now.**

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