



Freshman Year Checklist

It's never too early to start planning for college

- Keep in mind what colleges look for:**
 - A strong GPA
 - Challenging curriculum
 - Involvement in extracurricular activities (school and community)

- Select a challenging curriculum for your sophomore, junior and senior year (AICE, AP, Honors or Dual Enrollment classes)**

- Keep your grades up!!!**

- During the summer make plans to visit the colleges and universities that you are interested in applying to**

- Search for scholarships. Be familiar with the monthly Scholarship Bulletin posted online at sweagles.dadeschool.net**

- Make sure you are working towards the Florida Bright Future requirements. Visit www.facts.org for more information and to monitor your progress**

- Make your summer count! Do volunteer work, go to summer school or attend a summer program at a college or university**

- Get involved! Join some clubs or athletic teams; you will enjoy school much more and that way it will help you with your college application**

- Planning to play sports in college? Be familiar with the NCAA requirements visit www.ncaa.org**

- Meet your high school guidance counselor and discuss future plan**

- Keep records of extracurricular activities
- Start a college savings account
- READ, READ, READ... reading will help you build your vocabulary**