



# 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](http://sweagles.dadeschool.net)**
- Make sure you are working towards the Florida Bright Future requirements. Visit [www.facts.org](http://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](http://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**