



Ninth Grade Tips from your Counselors

1. Grades

- a. Grades matter in 9th grade! Always try your best because your graduating GPA will include your freshman grades. Keep in mind that grades will go in your transcript at the end of 1st and 2nd semester. These grades are not be averaged together so you will need to pass both semesters.
- b. Do not be afraid to ask for help! Your teachers are here to help you learn. Please ask them questions and see when they are available for tutoring.
- c. Find ways to keep yourself organized and on top of your assignments. Folders and planners are great tools to use. Make time to study every day!
- d. Attend school every day! It is hard to learn and keep up if you miss a lot of class time.

2. Explore

- a. Find clubs and activities that you are interested in. Clubs and activities are a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences.
- b. Think about your plans after graduation. 4 years can seem like a long time but it will go by faster than you expect them to.
- c. Develop new friendships. As you get older, people change including yourself. It is ok to let some old friends go if you do not agree anymore. Find friends that bring out the best in you!

3. Safety

- a. If you are worried about a friend, yourself or something that happened, tell a trusted adult. A trusted adult can include a teacher, a counselor, an administrator or a school resource officer. We care about you and we are here to help.
- b. Be kind on social media! Do not post anything that you would not want your family or your future boss to see.