

# College Checklist

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## Freshman Year

### Fall

- Take the most challenging (and realistic) course load for which you are eligible.
- Create a [MyCareerShines](#) account and complete the assessments, so you can begin thinking about colleges and careers that fit your interest.
- Your school counselors can be a great resource. Make an appointment to meet with one of them and seek their advice on college planning.
- Go to FloridaShines and download [Florida's College & Career Planner](#), to choose the right classes to prepare you for college.

### Spring

- Get involved, clubs, activities, and community involvement look great on a college application.
- Record and keep track of your credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).
- Start learning about college. Look at the information available in your school counselor's office, at the library, and on [FloridaShines](#).

### Summer

- Plan a challenging second-year course load.
- Make your summer count. Continue to build credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).
- Complete all reading assignments so they are ready to turn in the first week of the year. Remember, reading more than what is required is always helpful!

