



Freshman Year Checklist

Your freshman year may be best described as laying the foundation for your high school and college career. As a student new to the high school, you will have a wide variety of new experiences.

The Academic Advisor is the student's advocate and will oversee the educational process for all students as they prepare for Commencement and College.



Academic

- ✓ Develop good study habits.
 - ◇ Use your planner!
 - ◇ Check Renweb regularly for homework and grade updates.
 - ◇ Find balance between all of your activities to allow enough study time each night.
- ✓ Meet with your Academic Advisor for a Freshman Visit during your 1st Semester to begin planning your high school career, discussing college goals, and developing a four-year plan.
- ✓ Work hard to get good grades. Most colleges/universities will review your academic performance from all years of high school when making admission decisions.
- ✓ Meet with your Academic Advisor in April to review transcript and register for courses for next year.

Extra Curricular

- ✓ Join a sport, club, or student government. It's never too early to begin building a resume or potential references/recommendations for college.
- ✓ Find fun and interesting ways to volunteer. Forty (40) hours of volunteer service must be completed by the end of the first semester of your Senior Year.

College/Career

- ✓ Attend college fairs and local "college nights." (National Christian College Fair at FRCS)
- ✓ Start a portfolio to keep track of your activities, volunteer work, jobs, and the names of a contact person for each. Write down your impressions, especially what you do and don't like about each activity. Gradually, you may begin to identify your interests or a potential college major.
- ✓ Check out websites of your 'dream' colleges. What are their admission requirements? Are you taking the right courses?
- ✓ Talk to your parents about how much money may be available for your college education. Not a lot? No problem IF you plan ahead.
- ✓ Create a file. Keep all your important papers, grades, magazine articles, scholarship opportunities, and other pertinent work.

College-Bound Athletes

- ✓ Track your eligibility with NCAA guidelines to maintain eligibility.