

# Freshman Year: College & Career Readiness Action Plan

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## Summer Before High School

### ***Student:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Review your 9<sup>th</sup> grade course selections. Be sure you have considered and selected rigorous courses as appropriate (Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB or IB).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete required [summer assignments](#) for Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB or IB courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend freshmen camp/orientation at your high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make it a habit as you travel over the next 4-years to visit colleges in the area.

### ***Parent(s)/Guardian(s):***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Encourage your student to read! Look for books, magazines, newspapers, or blogs your child may enjoy. Reading is the single-best way to prepare for college entrance exams!

## Fall

### ***Student:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do well in your classes. Your academic record and GPA are cumulative and start on day one of high school!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Become familiar with supports your teachers offer through their websites, tutorials, study groups, etc. Learn to use these supports regularly and seek help when you need it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Get involved in extracurricular activities, clubs and community service. Colleges will want to see your involvement, and it's never too early to start working toward leadership opportunities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin your search for possible careers and colleges in your ACE or AVID class using NAVIANCE.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start updating your NAVIANCE "My Resume" file to keep track of your community service, extracurricular involvement, honors and awards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create your four-year plan in your ACE or AVID class. Be sure to consider and select rigorous courses as appropriate (Pre-AP, AP, Pre-IB, IB, or ACC dual-credit) and identify a Program of Study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take the PSAT in October. On test day, provide an appropriate and professional email address to receive information from colleges. (Ex: your LISD student email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the LISD College Fair. Suggested [College Fair Questions](#)

***Parent(s)/Guardian(s):***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Freshmen Parent Night and your student's Student-Led Parent Conference (in December).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start thinking about [funding](#) your student's college education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start attending parent workshops where available on LISD campuses.

**Spring**

***Student:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Review PSAT results with English, Math, and AVID teacher as well as your parents. Use your results for future academic planning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check your GPA and class rank on NAVIANCE. This will be updated at the end of each semester.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review your sophomore year course selections. Submit any requested changes to your counselor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Get organized. You may begin receiving mail/email from colleges, sometimes as a result of taking the PSAT. Keep the information in a file or digital folder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register and prepare for AP exams if you have taken an AP course this year.

***Parent(s)/Guardian(s):***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Help your child make summer plans. This is a great opportunity to explore new interests and learn new skills. Colleges will look for students who have seized meaningful summer activities.