ninth grade checklist

# what do i need to do to get college ready?

1. **Do well in school**

* **Help your child set academic and personal goals**
* **Be clear about your expectations for school**
* **Attendance in class**
* **Be a presence and advocate at the school**
* **Check your child’s grades regularly**
* **Encourage reading**

1. **Take the right classes**
   * **Ensure your child is on track to graduate**
   * **Sign up for advanced classes**
2. **Get organized**

* **Help your child be more organized**
* **Find a quiet place to study**
* **Establish a homework routine**
* **Find a place to put important papers and documents**

1. **Get involved**

* **Encourage extracurricular activities**
* **Get involved yourself**
* **Look into summer programs and activities**

1. **Spend time with good people**
   * **Get to know your child 's friends and their parents**
   * **Find a mentor**
2. **Make good choices**
   * **Help your child understand appropriate, safe behavior**
   * **Share your expectations about risky behaviors**
3. **Explore college and career options**
   * **Talk with your child about his/her future career goals**
   * **Share your expectations about college**
   * **Talk about different types of colleges**
   * **Make a college list**
   * **Attend field trips to college campuses**
   * **Visit a college campus with your child**
4. **Learn about paying for College**
   * **You can afford college**
   * **Learn about financial aid**
   * **Set up a college savings account**
   * **Search for scholarships and start applying**