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**