

## **Ninth Grade Action Plan**

The following information can help you make the most of your *freshman* year.

**Get organized...**begin your high school career understanding the expectations of each of your courses and teachers. It is important that you stay organized, communicate with your teachers, and ask for extra help if you need assistance.

**Grades...**the grades you earn in ninth grade count! Your Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on your grades in all classes. Your grades and selection of courses are important whether you are planning to attend a four-year college, two-year college, or technical school.

**Get involved...**watch and listen to morning announcements for opportunities to join a club, organization, or athletic team. You will enjoy school more and make new friends. Your activities inside and outside of school will strengthen your college and job applications.

**Activity Resume...**it is not too early to begin a log of all of your activities. This will be helpful when you are applying for summer jobs and when you begin the college application process in the beginning of your senior year.

**Explore...**Check out Education Planner or other career websites (see the "Helpful Websites" link) to start exploring your interests and possible careers. Many websites offer personality profiles and career information.

**Review your Internet profile...**Make sure your profile on social networking sites and other sites reflects a positive image of yourself.

**Visit or attend college campuses and/or events when possible...**It is never too early to get information about a college/university as you may gain valuable insight regarding the size, selectivity, and setting of a college/university campus.

**Need Counseling?** Please feel free to contact your counselor. You may stop by the Counseling Center or email your counselor to schedule an appointment.

**Have A Great Year!**