

PREPARING FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST

8th Grade		9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
✓	PLAN	✓	DISCOVER	✓	EXPLORE	✓	SELECT	✓	ACHIEVE
	Get involved in activities, clubs, sports, and the community. Find out what you like to do and where your strengths are.		Continue to discover your strengths through activities, clubs, sports, and the community. It will look great on an application for a job or for college.		Take the PSAT at Valley High School. Used for Merit Scholars as well as great practice for test taking.		Stay on track with your classes, recording experiences and volunteer hours. Keep building that GPA!		Write out course descriptions for each course you take. See attached Course Description worksheet.
	Record and keep track of your volunteer hours and any awards you receive.		Continue recording and keeping track of your volunteer hours and any awards you receive.		Start preparing for the ACT test for college entrance and scholarships.		Take the ACT.		Check for requirements and deadlines for colleges, vocational schools, and scholarship applications.
	Start learning about your post high school options online or at the library; college, vocational training, a job. See our https://www.wdmcs-hsap.org/high-school-resources		Start researching colleges, vocations, and or jobs/careers online and by talking to other adults.		Your GPA is very important and is many times tied to scholarship awards.		Build a list of your top 5 colleges, vocational schools, or career options. Visit those schools' websites or call admissions offices about home school admissions requirements.		Do you need to take the ACT again? The higher the score, the more scholarship money that may be available to you.
	Start planning out your classes for the four years of high school. See attached High School Plan Sheet.		Work on independence, study habits, and time management.		Work on putting a resume together and finding a job. A steady summer job can offer valuable work experience as well as networking opportunities in the areas you might be interested in for your future		Plan college or vocational school visits.		Arrange for letters of recommendation to be written.

