



EDFIN Cash for College

Making College DREAMS a Reality!

9th Grader Students Checklist for College

To Do:

- ✓ Take challenging classes in core academic subjects. Most colleges require four years of English, at least three years of social studies (history, civics, geography, economics, etc.) Three years of mathematics, and three years of science, and many require two years of a foreign language. Round out your course load with classes in computer science and the arts.
- ✓ Ask your guidance counselor or teachers what Advanced Placement courses are available, whether you are eligible and how to enroll in the.
- ✓ Use the [U.S. Department of Labor's career search tool](#) to research your career options.
- ✓ Start a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Whether you are eligible and how to enroll in them.

To Explore:

- ✓ [Check out KnowHow2Go: The Four Steps to College](#), which suggests some actions you can take as you start thinking about education beyond high school.

Parents

To Do:

- ✓ Talk to your child about college plans as if he or she will definitely go to college.
- ✓ Keep an eye on your child's study habits and grades – stay involved.
- ✓ Encourage your child to take Advanced Placement or other challenging classes.