

2017-2018 Freshman Year Checklist

Below are the requirements needed for high school graduation. Please note that colleges and universities may have additional academic requirements including two years of the same foreign language.

Throughout your freshman year:

___ Earn good grades. Your GPA (Grade Point Average) and HPA (Honors Point Average) are cumulative; they include all high school level courses taken and dual enrollment. This is important for graduation, awards, scholarships, college entrance, vocational school entrance, military recruiting, etc. It is important that you are organized and develop good study and planning skills. Keep track of assignments, due dates, and other important information. **Utilize the planner we give you!!!**

___ Take challenging, rigorous courses with a focus on your post-secondary plans (university, community college, vocational program, military, work force). Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or ACT scores in academic classes. Academic credits are in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.

___ Start off on the right foot and see your teachers for tutoring when you need it. Tutoring is available during lunch and/or after school. Speak to your teachers about their availability.

___ Start performing community service hours to apply towards the 20 hour requirement for graduation. Documentation forms are available in the front office, G-Star website, and in the guidance office. It is advised that you complete more than 20 hours for college entry and certain scholarships.

___ Start thinking about possible careers by checking out www.floridashines.org and/or www.mynextmove.org.

___ You will take the PSAT (practice SAT) in October of your sophomore year and it is strongly recommended that you take it again as a junior. National Merit Scholarships based on PSAT scores can only be earned when the test is taken as a junior. The results will be correlated to the score you would most likely receive on the SAT. If you would like to practice the types of questions that you will see on the test go to www.collegeboard.com.

___ Scholarship search websites can be found at Gstarschool.org under the guidance department page.

__ The key to success in high school is making sure you are here (good attendance), do your work (good grades), ask for help when it is needed, and have a balance in all that you do. Participate in school and extracurricular activities as they make school fun and provide you with good experiences.

__ Please check G-Star's website under Guidance Department for information and updates and listen to the announcements.