



## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

- Volunteer in your community.
- Sign up for at least one school club or after school program. Talk to your school counselor or a teacher about available opportunities.

### MAKE HIGH SCHOOL COUNT.

- Meet with your high school counselor and develop a four-year high school plan.
- Review some scholarship options and requirements.

### EXPLORE COLLEGE OPTIONS.

- Research colleges and discover which colleges may be right for you.
- Talk with your parents, friends and community members about their college experiences and start thinking about what you want out of yours.

### LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE.

- Read about the various ways to pay for college and learn about the benefits of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This includes scholarships, grants, Work-Study and student loans.
- Make a plan to pay for college with your parents.
- Start to build a scholarship and college admissions resume to track your achievements.
- With the help of an adult, open a college savings account. If you already have a saving account, contribute what you can to it.

To see the complete grade-by-grade checklists, visit [collegereadyaz.com](https://collegereadyaz.com).

