



9TH 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 with your parents to pay for college.
- ☐ 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.

