



Freshman Year Checklist

Checklist for Students:

- Work hard! Be sure to study, complete homework and turn assignments in on time. Get the best grades you are capable of; this is the year that everything really starts counting towards the future.
- Attendance matters! Do your best to be at school every day.
- Get involved at school!! Be involved as much as possible in organizations, clubs, and extracurricular activities.
- Talk to the Academic Counselor about the courses that are available based on your interests, goals, and chosen degree plan. Challenge yourself!
- Talk to the Academic counselor about education after high school. Ask questions about what classes to take, how and when to sign up for standardized tests, and where to get money for college.
- Begin making a list of your community service, paid work, honors, awards, and extracurricular activities. This is important for your college resume and for potential scholarships.
- Use the career search and interest inventory tools at mynextmove.org, educationplanner.org, and careerkey.org to research and explore career options that align with your interests.
- Visit studentaid.gov and knowhow2go.org to learn the various ways you should prepare for college.

Checklist for Parents:

- Be involved in your child's education! Sign-up for Parent Portal to check grades and attendance. Be aware of your child's study habits. Contact teachers and counselors when you have any concerns.
- Talk with your child about their plans and goals for the future.
- Encourage your child to take challenging classes, get involved at school, and participate in community service.
- Remember you are your child's best advocate!
- Follow WISD, WHS, and other WHS groups on social media sites to stay informed. Check the District and School website for current information. Sign-up for Remind101 and School Messenger, as well.
- Estimate financial aid for your child when they go to college at FAFSA4caster.
- Explore studentaid.gov to obtain information on how to make college affordable for your child.