

## Checklist for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Make a four-year high school plan/Update it each Year:**
  - Think about what you would like to accomplish in your high school years
  - Think about if you should take regular, Honors or AP classes in high school.
  - Become involved in extra-curricular activities. Explore your interest in sports, clubs, music, drama, or community volunteering opportunities.
  - Study, every year will count for college.
- **Think about job/careers that interest you:**
  - Log in to Naviance – <https://student.naviance.com/saladohs> – username: saladotx+student ID, password: all lower case 1st initial 1st name + 1st initial last name + student ID.
  - Identify your interests - likes and dislikes - this will help you focus on your goals.
  - Talk to other people, such as your counselor, teachers, recent college graduates, etc.
- **Meet with your high school counselor:**
  - Your counselor knows how to help you get the most out of high school. Be sure to take some time during the school year to discuss post-high-school plans with them.
  - Discuss whether your course selection is challenging enough to prepare you for college.
- **College Search:**
  - Start thinking about colleges that you want to attend.
  - Look into post secondary options such as - vocational, technical, community college, military, university, and/or job.
- **Save for College:**
  - It is not too late to put money aside for college. Every little bit will help!
- **PSAT:**
  - Be prepared to take the Practice SAT test in October.
- **Explore summer opportunities:**
  - During the summer, look for a job, internship, or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.
- **Dual Credit**
  - Take the TSI placement test in December of your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year to qualify for DC classes.