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THE COLLEGE PLAYBOOK

- It's A Whole New Ball Game
8th - 9th Grade: College Guide

You want to go to college when you graduate high school? What you need to start doing now to make yourself competitive candidate.

Fall (August-December)

A. Learn how to organize and manage your time.
   1. Prepare in advance
   2. Schedule your time
   3. Start Early
   4. Schedule small tasks
   5. Choose organizing tool that works for you.

B. Explore your high school coursework level.
   1. Emphasizing subjects that align with your career interests.
   2. What Advanced Placement classes does your school offer.

C. Try to get the best grades that you can; every grade matters.

D. Interest Profile Career Exploration
   a. Explore Major/ Career Options
   b. If you are not sure what you want to study take this short quiz.
      1. https://www.goshen.edu/admissions/2019/01/03/major-quiz/
   c. Big Future - bigfuture.org
   d. Career Zone - cacareerzone.org

F. Scholarship Opportunities
   a. jlvcollegecounseling.com
   b. fastweb.com
   c. Collegeboard.org
Spring (January - June)

A. Organize and manage your time.
B. Brag sheets
C. Scholarship Opportunities
D. Stay on track with your grades; every grade matters.
E. Sign up for College Board
   a. Link Khan Academy to College Board.

Summer (June - August)

A. Take Advantage of summer programs at colleges.
   a. CSULB Summer Bridge Program
      1. http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/summer_bridge/
   b. Visit your career center or other college access program to find more information.
B. Visit College Campus and take tours and ask for information.
   a. Sign up online for a campus tour.
   b. Self tour around the campus.
C. Volunteer in your local community
D. Dual enrollment
E. Retake class if necessary

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."
- BABE RUTH