

Freshman Checklist

- Challenge yourself academically. What you take is as important as the grade you make.
- Develop good study habits and time management skills.
- Talk to your counselor about how grade point averages and ranking affect your record and your opportunities for college jobs.
- Talk to adults in a variety of professions to determine what they like and dislike about their jobs, and what kind of education is needed for each job.
- Get involved in community and school extracurricular activities. It is your right to share ownership of Guthrie CSD. Colleges are very interested in your community service record. Visit your counselor to get a list of clubs and organizations. Get involved in church or other activities outside of school.
- If you haven't chosen a career pathway, work with your counselor and your parents to begin to plan your future.
- Talk to your counselor about completing an interest survey to help with a career choice.
- Review your 4-year plan and graduation plan to decide future courses.
- Start a file at home. Keep report cards, test scores, awards, honors, school and community service records. These will come in handy when putting together a resume for college, job or scholarship applications.
- Start planning with your parents how your higher education will be financed.