



FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

Use this checklist during your freshman year of high school to help you stay on track for college.

- ☐ **Study hard.** Build good study habits to keep your grades in tip-top shape, organize your time and set up a dedicated area in which you can learn without distractions.
- ☐ **Look for scholarships at UCanGo2.org and OKcollegestart.org.** Freshmen should begin applying for college scholarships **now**.
- ☐ **Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma 529 (Oklahoma529.com) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parents' or guardians' names.
- ☐ **Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.** If you didn't apply for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship in 8th grade, visit okpromise.org for program requirements and the online application.
- ☐ **Talk about it.** Complete the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) activities assigned by your school and discuss your future plans with your counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults. You can explore careers you're interested in on OKcollegestart.org.
- ☐ **Take the right classes.** To be college-bound, you'll need to take and pass the following classes in high school, as determined by Oklahoma's College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum standards. Plan to take at least four college-preparatory classes per year.
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of math (at or above Algebra I)
 - 3 units of laboratory science
 - 3 units of history/citizenship skills
 - 2 units of world language OR computer technology
 - 1 additional unit of English, math, science, history, world language or computer technology
 - 1 unit of fine arts or speech
 - At least 6 electives
 - Demonstrate knowledge in Personal Finance Literacy
 - CPR/AED
 - Complete Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) activities
 - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Pass the U.S. Naturalization Test

View a [detailed checklist](#) and summary of Oklahoma's curriculum standards and testing requirements.

- ☐ **Track it.** Create a file of the following documents and notes: report cards, lists of awards and honors, school and community activities, and volunteer work. You can also start a resume to track these important activities.
- ☐ **Check it out.** Investigate course requirements and guidelines for college admission and Oklahoma's Promise. Visit OKcollegestart.org to find this information and to utilize school exploration tools.
- ☐ **Visit a campus.** Think about the university, college or technology center you'd like to attend. Download *Making the Most of Campus Visits* at UCanGo2.org, which provides a list of ideas to help you set up a successful college tour. Many colleges now offer virtual tours. Find a list of the Oklahoma virtual campus tours on OKcollegestart.org.
- ☐ **Take it to the next level.** Investigate [Advanced Placement](#), concurrent enrollment and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.