9th Grade College and Career Planning timeline:

**Fall of 9th grade**:

* Welcome to GKHS! We are glad to have you here! Please consider scheduling a meeting with your School Counselor. We’d love to visit with you about your personal thoughts for any college/career, academic or personal needs. To do this, you can use the QR codes in the Guidance office or via this Request Form: [Request to Meet with Counselor or Social Worker - Google Forms](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XdemFzUHSo17bJYHJZv2vSiEcZXa25j7-KHRRjdpQno/edit#responses)
* Consider getting involved! There are a lot of opportunities for clubs, groups, music, theatre, sports, academic organizations and more for students to consider. Want a list? Click “Athletics and Activities” on the high school website under the Menu.
* Consider taking the [Career Finder](https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder) inventory on CollegeBoard Big Future. You will need to create an account for yourself. Remember to use a personal email address!
* Start the school year off strong. Turn in all assignments the day they are due!
* Get comfortable asking your teachers for help. You are in charge of your success!

**Winter of 9th Grade**:

* Focus on getting good grades and learning how you learn best. Consider setting up a weekly schedule to keep organized and avoid falling behind in your school work. If you need help with this- PLEASE set up a meeting with your Counselor. They are here to help you be successful and taking initiative for your education is an EXCELLENT step to help you build your future.
* Start looking over your options for classes for 10th grade; you will select your classes early winter. Re
* Review the Coursebook for descriptions on all classes available, scheduling policies, planning to become a college athlete and more: [21-22 Coursebook](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1070391/2021-2022_Coursebook.pdf)
* Consider taking electives that help you explore careers of interest to you (ex. Taking Business Essentials if you are interested in Business.)
* Start thinking about if you have interest in pursuing 2 or 4-year colleges/universities, trade schools, military, etc. You will need to take courses that help you achieve these post-secondary goals!

**Spring of 9th grade**

* Finish strong! Your high school transcript/GPA is one of the more important parts of your post-secondary plan and creates options for students as well as scholarship opportunities
* Consider a summer job or volunteer experience. You will need 25 community service hours for graduation!