

LYONS HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN CHECKLIST 2016-2017

____ Make a **4-Year Academic Plan**. Use the worksheet in the course description book to map this out. You will also work on this in your Social Studies class February, ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan)

____ Start thinking about what you might like to do after high school.
www.collegeincolorado.org offers a **career interest inventory, personality profile** that may benefit you as you think about your future.

____ Be aware of **graduation requirements** & start **researching college** entrance requirements for schools you are interested in.

____ Get good **grades!** If you get behind your freshman year it is hard to bring your GPA up. Colleges want to see your class rank, GPA and test scores.

____ **Attendance** is a must!! Being here and be on time to build success! **Homework** is a must!

____ Be aware that grades of D or F do not constitute completion at some Colleges/ Universities. Failing a class may mean that you will need to take summer school/ ecredit recovery (these cost \$) in order to be on track for High School graduation. **Pass classes!**

____ Attend **college fairs**...it's not too early to start thinking about college!
Denver National College Fair: Sunday, 9/25, 1:00-4:00 Denver Mart, Denver
Out of State College Nights: Wed, 9/28, 6:00-8:00 Monarch HS Thur, 9/29, 6:30-8:00 Lakewood HS
Saturday College Fair & Workshops: Sat., 10/1, 10:00-12:00 Mountain Vista HS, Highlands Ranch
St. Vrain Valley District College Fair: Wednesday., 11/2, 6:00-7:30 @ Silver Creek HS, Longmont

____ Be involved in an **extra-curricular activities or volunteerism**. Document your hours/ type of volunteerism if you are doing community service and keep a log. You will need this for scholarship applications when you are a senior.

____ Develop solid **study habits**, time management and organizational skills.
Visit www.how-to-study.com for some great study and test taking ideas!!!

____ **Read** a lot! Keep **writing** too! Work on your **math** skills!

____ **Maintain good grades** for prerequisites/ recommendations for challenging courses for next year.

You'll be graduating from high school before you know it so **make the most of your high school years!!!**

Great Websites to Help Prepare and Plan for College/Career

***<http://lms.hs.svvsd.org/> Counseling Tab for a variety of resources/ links

Test Prep/ Test Registration/ College/Scholarship/Career Search

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.actstudent.org ACT to register for Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.collegeboard.com PSAT info., AP info, SAT info & to register for SAT...Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.schoolsoup.com

www.number2.com

<http://www.shmoop.com/signup/stvrain-students> Magic word ELUCIDATE (all caps) PSAT, SAT, AP, ACT test prep opportunities free for SVVSD students.

College Search - find the right college to fit you

www.collegeincolorado.org

***www.collegescorecard.ed.gov

www.gotocollegefairs.org Check out additional college fairs 80+ throughout the state of Colorado

www.wiche.edu Western Undergraduate Exchange Program- out of state reduced tuition rates

www.anycollege.com college: search, videos, scholarship

www.cappex.com college: recruit, scholarship, chances of admission

www.mycollegeoptions.org college: search, scholarships, advice, researching majors/careers

www.campustours.com & www.Ecampustours.com virtual tours, interactive campus maps

www.mymajors.com college: major/career quiz, information, planning

www.commonapp.org single point application process for participating colleges

Financial Aid/Scholarship -to help pay for college

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Fed. Student Financial Aid- apply after Oct.1st use this exact address as there are other scam sites out there!

www.collegeincolorado.org A Colorado User's Guide to Financial Aid, College Opportunity Fund

www.collegeabacus.org (see how college costs stack up between your favorite schools)

www.collegeinvest.org (Student loans, savings plans, and scholarships for Colorado students)

www.finaid.org (estimated family contribution, loans, scholarships, savings, military aid)

www.studentaid.ed.gov - (Gov't website for Federal Aid, walks you through the process).

www.SavingForCollege.com (529 savings plans and more)

www.fastweb.com (also job search and military options)

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.qmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholars)

*** www.myscholly.com (Download App cost \$.99-2.99 itunes/googleplay/appstore/computer, enter demogr info, narrows based on personal information alerts you re: scholarships you may qualify for with links to access them)

Student Athletes - NCAA Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org (for student athletes attending a Division 1 or Division 2 college)