

## FRESHMAN PLANNING

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to high school! If you have not already, get to know your school counselor and College and Career Readiness Advisor (CCRA), Ms. Metoyer. Check in with them regularly. Your school counselor is a valuable resource to help with academic, career, and social/emotional development and challenges. Your CCRA may help with post-secondary planning.

Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_ Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Be sure to complete your required, assigned tasks in Naviance.**

- Create an academic goal for your freshman year
- Take the 9<sup>th</sup> grade needs assessment
- Research college majors that match the careers you saved
- Save 3 colleges to your "Colleges I'm thinking about" list
- Reflect on your goal at the end of the year

**The following are some additional things to do that could help you be more successful in school:**

**Take challenging classes:** Research shows that taking rigorous courses, such as PreAP, AP, or Dual Credit in high school is an important indicator of-success in high school and beyond.

**Do your best in school:** Achievement matters! Working hard to earn the best grades you can set the stage for success in high school and beyond.

Your **GPA** is on the 100 point scale and is used to calculate class rank. GPA and class rank are used in college admission decisions.

**Participate in Extracurricular Activities:** Extracurricular activities and enrichment programs are a great way to develop your talents and interests. They will contribute to success in your career after high school. Consider all the types of activities!

**Other Things You Need To Do:**

- ✓ **Attend class:** Excessive absences may result in the loss of semester/course credit and could prevent you from graduating.
- ✓ **Do your homework.** Keep a calendar so you do not forget important dates.
- ✓ **Stay in contact with your campus through Schoology and by checking the campus website.**
- ✓ **Prepare to take the PSAT 8/9 in October.** The district pays for freshman to take this important test. For FREE test prep, check out Khan Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
- ✓ **Review your PSAT scores once they come in to identify strengths and areas to improve.**
- ✓ **Research colleges and careers online using Naviance.**
- ✓ **Protect your social networking presence.** Be aware that employers and colleges review social networking sites. Practice caution with what you post online.
- ✓ **Create a resume using Naviance** with the following items: a list of your honors and awards, a list of community organizations and clubs you join (include dates of participation and any offices you held), a list of paid and volunteer jobs you have had, letters of recommendation from adults who know you well
- ✓ **Use Naviance to research Scholarship and financial aid information:** It's never too early to begin your research for funding your future!
- ✓ Review and update **your Career Plan** in Skyward. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all graduation requirements are met. Counselors are available if you have questions or concerns. Graduation requirements may be found in the Course Guide published on the FBISD webpage.
- ✓ **Attend an FBISD College Fair** held on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ **Make summer count!** There are plenty of ways to have fun AND build your credentials during the summer such as volunteering, getting a job, or signing up for an enrichment program. Check out enrichment programs in Naviance!