

Tips for High School Freshmen

1) Plan for challenging courses during all four years of high school & earn strong grades in each of your courses

2) Understand your high school records

- **High school transcript:** is a listing of a student's final grades and credits earned in each course taken for the time the student attends Professional & Technical High School
- **Community Service Hours** are NOT a requirement for graduation but are highly recommended for future scholarships and work experience. Hours are submitted to your counselor.
- **Extra-curricular activities:** all in-school activities (sports teams and clubs) in which a student participates while he/she attends the high school (important for college entrance)
 - PATHS students may still participate in sports at their home-zoned school. Bus transportation can be arranged at end of day to take the student to that school.

3) Keep track of your testing achievements

• Most students will take a number of standardized tests throughout high school to satisfy graduation requirements and to prepare for the college admissions process. You can view all of your test scores on your transcript.

- Algebra 1 EOC
- Biology EOC
- Geometry EOC
- FSA Reading
- US History EOC
- PSAT Fall of Junior Year
- SAT March of Junior Year

4) Foreign Language

- While it is **NOT** a graduation requirement, it is **recommended** to take 2 years of a foreign language. Most universities require students to have at least 2 years of study. Students are also able to obtain a Gold/Silver Seal of Bi-literacy by completing 4 years of study.

5) A significant amount of our students Dual Enroll

- **Dual Enrollment** is an opportunity for high school students to take college-level courses during their high school career. Eligibility is based on GPA and college readiness scores (PERT, SAT, ACT). Select courses may be used to satisfy high school graduation requirements. **In order to test for DE eligibility & complete the application, you MUST have a 3.0 GPA.**

PERT	ACT	SAT
• Reading 106	• Reading 19	• Reading 24
• Writing 103	• English 17	• Writing 24
• Math 96-114-123**	• Math 19-21**	• Math 24- 26.5**