



Farmington Central High School

"Home of the Cougars"

Things to do in 9th grade

High school is an exciting time, but sometimes a confusing time. In the wake of new friends, athletic events and daily academics, post-secondary plans can get lost. This timeline clarified some of the FCHS milestones to help you plan your future.

- Get off to a good start with your grades. The grades in 9th grade will be included in your final high school GPA. Grades really do count toward college admission.
- Discuss your four-year education plan with Counselor Albert. Be proactive and take all classes seriously to make the best of your high school career.
- Start thinking about your life after school, including the types of jobs that might interest you. Identify your likes and dislikes. Explore Careers on Xello.
- Don't think college is for you...Go to <http://youcango.collegeboard.org/> Watch videos of other students, just like you, who didn't think college was in their future.**
- Get involved in extracurricular activities (both community and school sponsored).
- Use the Internet to check out college Websites. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> is a great resource. Also, check out summer enrichment programs on websites such as www.enrichmentalley.com , www.teenink.com/summer/ , www.summerdiscovery.com/ , or www.nelnetsolutions.com/summerop/code/ssector.asp , for ideas about opportunities
- Begin saving samples of your best essays/written work for a portfolio.
- Set up a file system that includes:
 - Reports cards
 - Career Information
 - Honors/Awards
 - Extracurricular
 - Work/Volunteerism
- Begin to understand your Career Pathway. Xello and College Board's Big Future can help.
- When instructed by your teachers, update your EDP (Educational Development Plan) that is required for graduation.