

# Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Parents and Families



## 9th Grade

### Third Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Review your child's first semester report card and take note of the first calculated grade point average (GPA).
- Review your child's GradTrack report in the M-DCPS Parent Portal to monitor your child's progress toward graduation and college admissions requirements.
- Start discussing potential courses for the following year based on rigor, interests and State University requirements (including the required two years of a foreign language).
- Encourage your child to consult with teachers and counselors when planning course selection.
- Assist your child in preparing for any AP/IB/AICE exams by having them attend school site tutoring, workshops, and AP Central for access to AP videos and other resources.
- Encourage your child's continued involvement in school and/or community projects.
- Assist your child in researching opportunities for academic growth through enrichment programs, community-based involvement, or internships for the summer.
- Encourage your child to continue building their Scoir profile as the year progresses.
- Assist your child in the beginning stages of building a college list that mirrors their interests.
- Attend the Miami National College Fair with your child to engage with a variety of national and international institutions.

#### Resources

- [CollegeBoard AP Central](#)
- [FL SUS Requirements](#)
- [GradTrack Training Videos](#)
- [Unweighted and Weighted GPAs](#)
- [How to Take Your High School Classes to the Next Level](#)
- [Miami National College Fair](#)



### Fourth Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Seek guidance from your child's counselor or CAP Advisor to learn more about summer programs and prepare for 10th grade.
- Encourage your child to enroll in summer programs such as academic camps, community service projects and/or internships that reflect their interests.
- Assist your child in compiling lists of activities and achievements.
- Help your child create a resume using the available template in Scoir under the profile section "Activities" and "Achievements".
- Support your child in researching scholarships and updating their RaiseMe account for the possibility of earning micro-scholarships based on their achievements and academic accomplishments during freshman year.
- Begin to explore financial aid and other opportunities to pay for college.

#### Resources

- [For Students: Create and Export a Resume - Scoir](#)
- [Summer Programs: What, Why and How](#)
- [Adding Extracurriculars to Your RaiseMe Portfolio](#)
- [Paying for College – Financial Aid 101](#)
  - [Available in Spanish](#)
  - [Available in Haitian-Creole](#)

