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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Student Checklist

Use this list to help prepare for high school and beyond!

- Start developing your new and smarter study habits now.** Study and review your work for 1 hour every day or ask your teacher for after-school help.
- The basics are important, so focus on getting great grades now.** Focus on doing well in your math, science, and English classes. The things you perfect now can make future classes easier.
- Strive to miss less than 5 days each school year.** Missing school can really set you back and make it hard to catch up. Be on time, prepared and participating!
- Give back to your community by volunteering with others.** Review “A Quick Guide to Volunteering” for more ideas on how to lend a helping hand.
- Begin thinking about extracurricular clubs or sports** that you might be interested in.
- Explore education and career options** to determine jobs you may be interested in. Ask your parents and other adults what they like about their careers.
- Refer to “A Quick Guide to Career Academies”** and review the opportunities you learned about at the Polk Academies WE3 Expo Event with your parent.
- View “A Quick Guide to Dual Enrollment”** for more information on enhancing your time and course load in high school.
- Review your future high school’s graduation requirements** to start setting your goals and expectations. Talk to your school counselor about how different your classes will be.
- Talk to your parents about their contributions and expectations** for you in high school, college and your career goals.
- Start a post-high school savings plan.** Whether your sights are set on a university, military, technical school or the job force...it’s all expensive. Let’s start saving!
- Complete practice exams for Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and ACT** to get a preview of what you will be tackling in the near future. Speak to your school counselor about receiving a practice exam or visit sat.org and act.org for more information.