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## Parent Checklist

Use this checklist along with the “High School Student Checklist” to help prepare them for the next step!

- The calendar is key. Keep track of important school activities, dates and deadlines so that both you and your child’s demands are on the same page.
- Encourage your student to join a team or club. Participating in extracurricular activities builds character and keeps students striving towards a goal.
- Regularly review schoolwork and applications. Stay Involved using the Polk County Public School’s Parent Portal.
- Urge your student to take on more challenging courses, such as advance placement (AP) or honors classes. Reassure them that they can handle the next step and support them as they do.
- Look at different banking options with your child. Now is a perfect time to teach them how to open accounts, make deposits, pay bills and manage money.
- Consider talking to your student about different post-high school options. Visiting college and career fairs are great ways to introduce them to different career paths. After speaking with your child and their school counselor, schedule visits to schools or employers that you are considering.
- Meet with your student’s school counselor yearly to discuss their academic progress and college or career options. Visit the Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students website at [FACTS.org](http://FACTS.org).
- Ensure that your child is ready for all of their standardized tests (FSA, SAT and ACT) by enrolling them in prep courses and taking preliminary exams when possible. All students must pass the FSA in order to graduate while taking the SAT/ACT is necessary in order to apply for college. Ask your student’s counselor about fee waivers and free PSAT/PACT materials.
- Stay on top of immunization records, AP exam schedules, your student’s FAFSA status, applications, and deadlines. **All deadlines are important and FINAL!**
- Encourage your child to reach for and beyond their dream career.