

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING FOR 9th & 10th Grade

1. Establish strong study habits and time management techniques.
2. Develop a reading plan that includes newspapers, magazines and books.
3. Learn how to use the media center and the computer lab.
4. Work to enhance your reading, writing and vocabulary proficiencies.
5. Keep your grades up. Seek help from your teachers or a peer tutor.
6. Talk with your counselor about possible assessments you can take for FREE to help you start thinking about possible careers that might interest you!
7. Investigate extracurricular activities in which you would like to participate.
8. Meet with career and military representatives who visit South Newton High School.
9. Enjoy school not only as a prelude to your future but as a place where you are developing as a student and as a person.
10. Think about your interests and how those interests might translate into career options. Keep your career options open. Investigate lots of academic and career possibilities.
11. Meet with your counselor. Seek career and college planning resources available at South Newton High School.
12. Prepare for your mid-term and final examinations.
13. Plan your sophomore year schedule with care. Take classes appropriate for you. Push yourself but know your limits. Colleges look carefully at your classes-not just your grades, but remember that almost all colleges require placement tests before enrollment. A strong college preparatory program with courses in English, science, mathematics, social studies and foreign language is important.
14. If you are considering the possibility of an athletic scholarship, please meet with your counselor during your freshman year of school to discuss academic requirements necessary for that athletic scholarship. Do not wait until your senior year to consider your academic core.

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1. Work to enhance your reading, writing and vocabulary proficiencies.
2. Visit with post-secondary representatives who visit South Newton High School
3. Maintain strong study habits and time management techniques.
4. Read! Read! Read! including newspapers, magazines and books.
5. Review the results of your PSAT scores with your counselor in January. This will help you to understand your strengths and weaknesses in the verbal and mathematics areas.
6. Plan time to study for your January and May semester examinations. Start early. Remember only semester grades will raise your cumulative grade point average and class rank
7. Consider registering for SAT or ACT.
8. Plan your junior schedule after researching colleges & careers you are interested in. Plan your junior year schedule carefully. **Take classes appropriate for you: push yourself but know your limits.** Colleges will look carefully at your classes (and not just your grades). A strong college preparatory program including English, mathematics, social science, science and foreign language courses.
9. Consider summer school if you are deficient in certain courses or wish to accelerate your course work. Independent study/correspondence courses are also available as well as enrichment programs on college campuses.
10. Plan to use part of your summer researching, calling, or visiting (in person or websites) post-secondary options to gather information.
11. Target major activities. Aim for leadership positions, if appropriate. Keep a record of performances/events/awards on a resume or vitae to have readily available for scholarship or job applications!
12. Think about your interests and how those interests might translate into career options. Keep your options open. Investigate numerous and varied possibilities. Shadow someone in your career interest area.
13. Enjoy school not only as a prelude to additional education but as a place where you are developing as a student and as an individual.

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