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SAMPLE MATERIAL

College Preparation Checklist

Crossland High School, Maryland

Topic: Helping Students Navigate the Path to College

Practice: Assist With College Entry

Working with the philosophy that “it is never too early to begin planning for college,” Crossland High School academic counselors discuss postsecondary plans with students at all grade levels. As part of this discussion, the counselors provide this college preparation checklist, which outlines the steps students should take each year to prepare for college.

The College Preparation Checklist for Crossland High School

It is never too early to begin planning for college. The following checklist should be used as a guide to help you with your planning.

9th grade –

- Talk to your counselor about your future goals and interests
- Enroll in challenging courses
- Get involved in school activities
- Take advantage of school programs such as tutoring and workshops
- Visit the Crossland College & Career Center
- Take the PSAT
- Demonstrate good study habits in all of your classes
- Explore volunteer opportunities for the summer

10th grade –

- Enroll in challenging activities especially those needed for college admission requirements
- Talk to people you know who went to college, about their experiences
- Take the PSAT
- Be involved in school activities
- Do your best in all classes and seek help when needed
- Take advantage of school programs such as tutoring and workshops
- Visit the Crossland College & Career Center
- Explore volunteer opportunities for the summer

11th grade –

- Review your academic and extracurricular program – make adjustments as needed
- Enroll in AP courses
- Enroll in SAT Prep course
- Take the SAT / NMSQT to qualify for scholarship consideration
- Request information from colleges and begin to narrow down your choices
- Attend college fairs
- Discuss finances with parents / guardians
- Attend Financial Aid Workshop Nights at Crossland HS
- Begin to visit colleges
- Develop your resume to use with college recommendations

12th grade –

- Review your senior contract with your counselor and parent/guardian – make adjustments as needed
- Apply to take the SATs or ACT
- Apply for college admissions to schools that interest you
- Continue to visit colleges
- Understand Crossland High School's transcript request policy
- Apply for college housing early
- Make sure letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors are complete
- Attend Financial Aide Night
- Apply for financial aid
- Weigh college's offers against your personal financial requirements
- Complete all High School requirements