

Preparing for College

Freshman—To Do List

Freshman Year:

1. Meet with your high school counselor to get answers to your questions. Visit the OHS counseling website: <http://orlandhigh.orlandusd.net/>

2. Now is a good time to start volunteering in the community and become involved in school extracurricular activities. Join a club!! Become part of a Trojan Athletic or Academic Team!!

3. Start strong with good study habits, an organized planner and a study space with no distractions (Facebook, phones and video games are rewards for getting the work done!) Remember: C’s or better will get you to college!

4. The transition to high school is a big transition! Some students glide through making friends easily, pass classes and meet their goals. Other students hit bumps in the road. *Communication* is the key to overcoming these bumps. Meet with a counselor or trusted teacher when things are tough.

5. Know your Portal password. Parents and students should check the Portal for updates on grades and progress.

6. Start a reading list. Independent reading and study will help you prepare academically for college. This is a good way to develop interests, expand knowledge, and improve your vocabulary and reading comprehension skills needed for college and the SAT or ACT.