

Garden Spot High School
Post-Secondary Planning Timeline

Freshmen Year

Semester 1

- **Meet your counselor:** Your school counselor, Mrs. Boas, is an excellent resource for post-secondary information!
- **Create a 4 year academic plan:** Plan out possible classes you would like to take in high school. Honors and AP classes are important if you are interested in going to a 4 year college. Some colleges have specific language requirements, as well.
- **Get involved!** Sign-up for extra-curricular activities and/or sports.
- **Make the grade:** GPA is a critical criteria to college and CTC acceptance.

Semester 2

- **Attend the Garden Spot High School course selection night:** Held on the same night as Back to School night in February, counselors will discuss options and answer questions regarding course selection.
- **Enter your course requests in Powerschool before the deadline.** Discuss possible course selection choices with your teachers and family. Make sure the courses you select are relevant to your post-secondary plans.
- **Explore your interests and possible career paths:** In your Careers and Financial Management Class, you will take a career interest inventory that will match your interests with possible career paths. Explore career paths that you are interested in by spending a day job shadowing someone in a career of interest.
- **Complete Service Learning hours:** Complete your 9th grade Service Learning hours (10 hours).
- **Login to Naviance:** Complete your Service Learning journal. Explore all Naviance has to offer! You will use this site A LOT when applying to colleges. Complete a Journal every time you complete 10 hours.
- **Money talks:** Talk to your parents about your post-secondary plans and expectations for working and saving for college/technical school.
- **Build a "Resume":** Begin to keep track of your activities, extra-curricular involvement, community service involvement and academic accomplishments. Teachers and Counselors will need this information to write letters of recommendation and evaluations for you in the future.