



MBHS 9th Grade Secondary Planning Preparation Checklist

Task	Timeframe	Where
GET ACCLIMATED TO BLAIR All 9th grade students should focus on: - Learning your schedule - Get to know your school counselor	<i>Ongoing</i>	StudentVue
ATTEND ACTIVITIES FAIR Students should consider attending the activities fair to view all the different extracurricular activities that Blair has to offer. <i>This helps students gain experience and it looks good for college applications!</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Blair Clubs
CONSIDER JOINING A BLAIR ACADEMY - Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) - Media, Music, & The Arts (MMA) - International Studies & Law (ISL) - Human Services Professions (HSP) - Entrepreneurship (ENT)	<i>Ongoing</i>	Blair Academies
THINK ABOUT WHICH COURSES TO TAKE DURING YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR - View the course selection process - Complete your course selections by the deadline! - Meet with your counselor to discuss your course load & credits!		Course Selection Process 
STAY FOCUSED Grades are important! Colleges view your grades from 9th-12th grade. It's better to stay consistent throughout all 4 years of high school. - Communicate with teachers if you need help - Attend tutoring sessions - Find a study buddy	<i>Ongoing</i>	
LOOK FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! It's important to start earning SSL hours. They count towards graduation! Check out what SSL opportunities are available for you! Email Ms. Sanchez at Beth_S_Sanchez@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions or see her in room 238.	<i>Ongoing</i>	Blair SSL Website MCPS SSL Website

Turn in your completed SSL forms electronically at SSLatMBHS@gmail.com		
CONSIDER TAKING COURSES OR PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF Be sure to communicate with our counselor if you are interested in the following programs: • Edison • Dual Enrollment • Early College • PACERS • AP/Honors Courses • Program Completer	<i>Apply by the given deadline</i>	
MEET WITH A CAREER ADVISING COACH! Meet with Mr. Bookter who helps students in grades 9th & 10th feel more confident, informed and prepared to make career related decisions in their life. While utilizing the RIASEC & Dialogic Model, you will be able to participate in professional skills workshops (resume building, interview skills, leadership, teamwork, etc.)	Email Mr. Bookter at Christopher M Bookter@mcpsmd.org to schedule an appointment. He is in the college and career center in room 121	
CONSIDER APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarships are not just for 12th grade. There are some scholarship opportunities for 9th-11th grade too! Check out the MBHS College & Career Scholarship List to access upcoming scholarships.	<i>Apply by the given deadline! *Please frequently check your emails for scholarship opportunities straight to your inbox from Ms. Barry is applicable to your grade level.</i>	<u>MBHS Scholarship List</u>
PREPARING FOR COLLEGE SPORTS The NCAA oversees and regulates college athletics in the United States, promoting fairness, safety, and competitive balance among member institutions while supporting student-athlete welfare and academic success. NCAA Eligibility FAQs	<i>Ongoing</i>	
BUILD YOUR RESUME! A resume summarizes your education, skills, work experience, and qualifications for a specific job, demonstrating your suitability and unique strengths to recruiters efficiently • Volunteer with an organization you find interesting • Apply for a service learning program	<i>Ongoing</i>	<u>RESUME TEMPLATE PRESENTATION</u>
CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR Apprenticeship Maryland, a program for students aged 16 and up, aims to secure sustainable employment and further education aligned with their chosen careers. Developed with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and	<i>Ongoing</i>	

the Maryland Department of Labor (MDoL), it offers compensated youth apprenticeships in high-growth sectors. MCPS launched this program in 2019 across all 25 high schools, allowing juniors and seniors to begin with a summer or fall start, completing 450 hours of work-based training and one year of related instruction.		
COLLEGE EXPLORATION - Attend local college fairs in your area or at your school - Talk to current college students about their path to college and career life - Try virtual campus tours (https://campustours.com; www.youvisit.com; www.ecampustours.com)		Blair College and Career Website