

# **FRESHMAN CHECKLIST**

## **Goals at Cypress:**

- Make a four-year plan, including all of your graduation requirements.
- Be sure to include one online class during your four years, a new graduation requirement.
- Focus on core classes.
- Choose your courses wisely, and challenge yourself by taking high levels of classes in the subjects you are strong in.
- Develop good study and time management skills.
- Get the best grades you can! Colleges look at grades from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Be well prepared for the EOC's, midterms and finals.

## **Build your resume for college:**

- Join 2-3 clubs and stay with them throughout the four years. Make some impact on the club and contribute through leadership when possible. Not everyone can be a President or Captain, however you can contribute in many ways.
- Start earning your service learning hours (40 for graduation; 100 for Bright Futures; 250 for honors graduation cord).
- Volunteer with organizations that relate to your future career path.
- Consider working or volunteering over the summer break.
- Start working on your resume by keeping track of your activities, volunteering, honors and awards.

## **Gather college information:**

- Attend the Cypress Bay College Fair in the Spring.
- Visit college campuses that interest you when traveling on vacation.
- Take the Choices Interest Inventory ([www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org)) to research possible careers and educational requirements.
- Make sure you and your parents are on BRACE's email list, and look for updates on the BRACE website, Facebook (Cypress Bay High School Brace) and Twitter (@cypressbaybrace).

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