

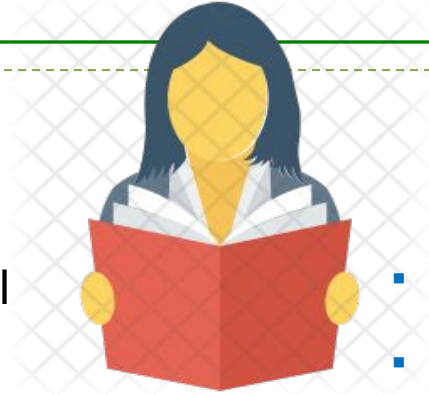
Freshman Year in High School

Big Picture:

- Start Strong ... Pursue Great Grades from Day 1!
- Execute your College game plan!

Fall Semester

- Settle into new high school environment
- **Work on grades!!! Your GPA starts day one!!!**
- Attend SpringSpirit study skills workshops
- Explore and engage in extra-curriculum activities you might enjoy
- Start executing resume building plan
- Get ready for team tryouts



Spring Semester

- Continue your focus on grades
- Get assistance for any class that you are getting a “C” or below in
- Engage in extra-curriculum activity
- Identify summer tutoring needs
- Explore getting a summer job and/or volunteer opportunities
- Fill out resume and update resume building plan

Accountability

SPRING SPIRIT

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BIG IDEA: Great Grades & GPA																		
Career focus	Plan				X									Started to explore careers	be part of Flight XXV (if at NHS)	has electives chosen on a CTE Path		
	Actual																	
College List	P		X											Just worry about HS Grades				
	A																	
Major Identification	P		X											Just worry about HS Grades				
	A																	
Application status (college resume)	P	X												Just worry about HS Grades	update college resume by end of summer			
	A																	
Essay Status	P													improving in writing skills	Doing Iconoclast sometime before Junior year			
	A																	
Grades	P												X	High GPA	Identify where you're weak in academics and do something about it (tutoring)			
	A																	
Standardized test scores	P													Passing STAAR test	Take practice PSAT			
	A																	
Financial Aid/Scholarships	P		X											Parents file taxes	Start applying to RaiseME/Freshman scholarships			
	A																	
Parent engagement	P								X					Good follow-up on deficiencies on tracking	Enforces time-management	File taxes; brings kids to SS regularly	Help your child dream	
	A																	
Volunteerism	P			X										Volunteering at SS at a minimum (16 hours)				
	A																	
Spiritual life	P									X				Comes to FNL	Feel comfortable talking with God			
	A																	
Work (income/exposure to work)	P	X												focus on volunteering				
	A																	
Spring Spirit engagement	P												X	Has done something in all pillars over the year				
	A																	
Leadership	P				X									Describe what a leader is and have an example role model(s)				
	A																	
Self-Discipline/Work Ethic	P							X						Manages time well	is accountable for actions and work product			
	A																	
Independence	P			X										Learns 1-2 household chores	Doesn't depend on parents to bring equipment for practice/school			
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Key Support Resources

Freshmen Need to Tap

▪ **Study Hall and Tutorials**

- Objective: Students attend study hall at SpringSpirit to receive guidance help on how to improve study skills, grades and homework productivity.
- When: Twice a week at SpringSpirit or school campus
- Where: SpringSpirit and school campus
- Frequency: Twice a week for however long needed
- Cost: FREE with a commitment agreement

▪ **Khan Academy**

- Objective: Utilize Khan Academy for specific subject improvement in knowledge, grade and study skills. Utilize Khan Academy as an online tutor.
- When: During School Year
- Where: (ONLINE) <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- Frequency: When needed, at least 4 times a semester
- Cost: FREE with SBISD account

- **SHMOOP (If still offered by SBISD)**

- Objective: Learn and utilized effectively study skills for specific subjects provided in the website.
- When: During School Year and when needed the most
- Where: (ONLINE) <https://www.shmoop.com>
- Frequency: When needed, at least 4 times a semester
- Cost: Free with SBISD, if not then paid account

- **Strength Explore**

- Objective: Clifton Strengths Explorer helps kids discover and develop their talents. Find out students strengths to help them create a proper pathway to their success.
- When: Spring Semester of School year
- Where:(ONLINE) <https://www.strengths-explorer.com/home.aspx>

- **SpringSpirit Annual Career Fair**

- Objective: To expose students to the wide variety of career choices and what does it take to succeed
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: SS Facility
- Cost: FREE

- **SpringSpirit Monthly Professional Speaker Series**

- Objective: To expose students to the wide variety of career choices and what does it take to succeed
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: Virtual webinar
- Cost: FREE

- **CollegeBound.com**

- Objective: Resource for students to explore various career paths
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: CollegeBound.com
- Cost: FREE

- **Flight XXV**

- Objective: Helps students be part of career specific presentations and talks. They bring career professionals to speak to students and talk about their careers. The carries vary from what the class wants to hear.
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: Northbrook High School Advisory Period
- Frequency: Once a month
- Cost: FREE(has to be a student at NHS)

- **Guthrie Center**

- Objective: Take advantage of specific trade base courses. Specially if its a field you are interested in(i.e., 3D Animation, Agriculture Science, Architectural Design, Commercial Photography, Computer Tech, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, etc.)
- When: You can do it 9th-12th grade. It happens during the school day.
- Where: Spring Branch ISD Guthrie Center
- Frequency: 2-3 times a week
- Cost: Free if a student in SBISD
- Website: <http://guthriecenter.springbranchisd.com>

- **CollegeBound.com**

- Objective: Understand and explore the wide range of colleges in the U.S. and start matching career/major/college
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: CollegeBound.com
- Frequency: 24x7
- Cost: FREE

- **Naviance - Roundtrip Nation Interview Archive**

- Objective: Utilize resources to have a smoother college application process. Utilize all tools offered.
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where:(ONLINE) <https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/naviance>
- Frequency: Update as you go. At least twice at month.
- Cost: FREE if SBISD student

- **Mrs. Hader(C^3):**

- Mrs. Hader is the college admissions counselor at YP Northbrook and NHS. She assists students with anything college related
- When: 9th-12th grade
- Where: NHS/YSNHS
- Frequency: Anytime
- Cost: FREE