

9th Grade Student Checklist

	Sign up for Oklahoma's Promise --- http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/ . Bring Acceptance letter or email to office (or include the LFYS Program email as a recipient, loweyoungscholar@aol.com).
	Ensure you are taking all Oklahoma Promise required classes: See attached sheet.
	Continue career assessment/exploration from websites below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.okcollegestart.org/Career_Planning/default.aspx 2. https://okcareerguide.kuder.com/landing-page 3. http://www.rsu.edu/campus-life/student-resources/career-services/assess-explore/
	Leadership is important. Become involved in clubs both inside and outside of school. Take a leadership role in these activities. Team captain, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer are great positions to have and to reflect on a pre-college resume'.
	Visit college campuses.
	Sign up for W.E. Pro\$per in 9 th or 10 th Grade. You must do it once.
	Investigate college entrance requirements at www.OKcollegestart.org .
	Report on W.E. Pro\$per job at next quarterly meeting after job is complete.
	While working W.E. Pro\$per job, seize this opportunity to ask your supervisor what type of education/degree is required to have his/her career.
	Begin keeping a resume' of your volunteer activities, club involvements, work history in your College Prep Guide.
	Attend summer camps to explore future career options.
	Report to LFYS Program group at Quarterly Meeting camp benefits/experiences.
	Review/assess goals.
	Report to LFYS Program group at quarterly meeting your career assessment and goal findings.
	Grades matter-work hard on your grades because colleges will view your transcript.
	Consider speaking with your mentor about what classes to enroll in next year. They should be in alignment with your career track.
	Are you making progress towards achieving summer goals? We will review in December!
	Is your career choice available at the college you are interested in?
	Review the College Prep Guide. Are you on track to be prepared for college life?

10th Grade Student Checklist

Use ACT Prep Resources, Books in Office, and Classes. Link: http://bit.ly/LFYS_ACT
Last year to sign up for Oklahoma's Promise-- http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/ . Keep a copy of your acceptance letter or email in a safe place and deliver copy to office. Must be complete before end of this year!!
Visit College campuses.
Sign up for W.E. Pro\$per in 9 th or 10 th grade. Must do in 9th or 10th.
While working W.E. Pro\$per job, seize this opportunity to ask your supervisor what type of education/degree is required to have his/her career.
Report on W.E. Pro\$per job at next quarterly meeting after job is complete.
Have you met with counselor? How many times?
Take ACT. Request "Test Information Release" for an extra fee (if available, LFYS Program will pay for this as well). This will provide you with a list of your answers and also the correct answers to assist you in studying for future tests. LFYS Program pays for up to 3 tests (see Policy): http://www.actstudent.org .
After taking the ACT, if you make an 18 (OKWU) or 19 (RSU), sign up for concurrent enrollment at a local college. This allows you to get credit for the class not only in high school, but also college credit. See College Prep Guide for more information. RSU - http://www.rsu.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/concurrent-students/ OKWU - https://www.okwu.edu/accelerate/ Talk to your BPS counselor about this opportunity and costs.
Work! The only way to truly value a good education is to work in a job that doesn't require a college degree. Don't forget those W.E. Pro\$per jobs!
Continue career assessment/exploration from websites below: 1. https://www.okcollegestart.org/Career_Planning/_default.aspx 2. https://okcareerguide.kuder.com/landing-page 3. http://www.rsu.edu/campus-life/student-resources/career-services/assess-explore/ Ensure you will make enough money to support yourself.
Review your career choice with your income expectations by creating a mock budget: http://www.oklahomamoneymatters.org .
Update your resume with work history, volunteer events, club involvements, awards, and other activities and store it in your College Prep Guide.
Attend summer camps to explore future career options.
Report to LFYS Program group at quarterly meeting camp benefits/experiences and career assessment.
Is your career choice offered at the university you are looking to attend?
Try to locate (mentors/LFYS Program can assist with this) people who have the career choice you are interested in. Find out what degree is required for this career, salary range, experience helpful, high school classes they would recommend.
Grades matter- Colleges will view your high school transcripts.
Students making high grades (3.5 GPA or higher) are encouraged to take the PSAT in October of their junior year. Begin prepping the summer before.
Did you take AP courses? Make sure you take the AP exam to receive college credit. The LFYS Program will pay for this exam if the school does not provide you with a voucher. (LFYS Program will pay for up to 3 see Policy) https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam
You must have visited the university that you are planning to attend in order to receive scholarship there. If you haven't visit with us ASAP to figure out a time to tour. Check the universities you have visited. OSU _____ RSU _____ OKWU _____ Others? _____
Speak with your mentor about your class choices for the next year.
Are you making progress towards achieving your summer goals? We will review in December!
Review the College Prep Guide. Are you on track to be prepared for college life?

11th Grade Student Checklist

<p>Begin narrowing down your career types to at least two. Take career assessment if needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.okcollegestart.org/Career_Planning/default.aspx 2. https://okcareerguide.kuder.com/landing-page 3. http://www.rsu.edu/campus-life/student-resources/career-services/assess-explore/ <p>Check on the outlook and estimated wages for these careers.</p>
<p>11th grade school year (or summer following), visit advisors from colleges you may be interested in (i.e., business, computer science, engineering).</p>
<p>Students making high grades (3.5 GPA or higher) are encouraged to take the PSAT in October of their junior year. Hopefully, you prepped this past summer! Good practice tests: https://www.khanacademy.org</p>
<p>Use ACT Prep Resources, Books in Office, and Classes. Link: http://bit.ly/LFYS_ACT</p>
<p>Take ACT. Request "Test Information Release" for an extra fee (if available, LFYS Program will pay for this as well). This will provide you with a list of your answers and also the correct answers to assist you in studying for future tests. LFYS Program pays for up to 3 tests (see Policy): http://www.actstudent.org.</p>
<p>After taking the ACT, if you make an 18 (OKWU) or 19 (RSU), sign up for concurrent enrollment at a local college. This allows you to get credit for the class not only in high school, but also college credit. See College Prep Guide for more information. RSU - http://www.rsu.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/concurrent-students/ OKWU - https://www.okwu.edu/accelerate/ Talk to your BPS counselor about this opportunity and associated costs.</p>
<p>Ensure you are taking all Oklahoma Promise required classes: http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/required-courses.shtml Your counselor and mentor can help with this as well.</p>
<p>Update your resume with work history, volunteer events, club involvements, awards, and other activities. Maintain this information your College Prep binder.</p>
<p>Work! The only way to truly value a good education is to work in a job that doesn't require a college degree. Don't forget those W.E. Pro\$per jobs! Also, you will need money for your college application and housing deposit. Start saving now!</p>
<p>Have you met with your counselor? How many times?</p>
<p>Are you making progress towards achieving your summer goals? We will be reviewing these with you in December!</p>
<p>Attend Finance For Your Future Program taught by Truity Credit Union.</p>
<p>Grades matter-Colleges will view your High School Transcript.</p>
<p>Did you take AP courses? Make sure you take the AP exam to receive college credit. The LFYS Program will pay for this exam if the school does not provide you with a voucher. (LFYS Program will pay for up to 3 see Policy). https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam</p>
<p>You must have visited the university that you are planning to attend in order to receive scholarship there. To schedule your own tour: OKWU - https://www.okwu.edu/visit/ RSU - http://www.rsu.edu/admissions/visit-campus/ OSU - https://admissions.okstate.edu/visit/</p>
<p>I have toured: OSU ___ RSU ___ OKWU ___ Others: _____</p>
<p>Investigate admission requirements at your chosen schools.</p>
<p>Begin/continue to apply for scholarships that are available.</p>
<p>Is your career interest available as a major at your college choices?</p>
<p>Ensure College Prep Guide is up to date.</p>
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12th Grade Student Checklist

<p>Decide on major/field of study. Take career assessment if needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.okcollegestart.org/Career_Planning/default.aspx 2. https://okcareerguide.kuder.com/landing-page 3. http://www.rsu.edu/campus-life/student-resources/career-services/assess-explore/ <p>Look at career outlook and wage range.</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER - Sign up for your FSA ID here https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm if you haven't by September.</p>
<p>Take the ACT one last time either in October or December. Use the ACT Study Guide provided by your LFYS Program Executive Director and other resources found here: http://bit.ly/LFYS_ACT</p>
<p>After taking the ACT, if you make an 18 (OKWU) or 19 (RSU), sign up for concurrent enrollment at a local college. This allows you to get credit for the class not only in high school, but also college credit. See College Prep Guide for more information. RSU - http://www.rsu.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/concurrent-students/ OKWU - https://www.okwu.edu/accelerate/ Talk to your BPS counselor about this opportunity and costs.</p>
<p>OCTOBER—Make a visit to university to apply, sign up for housing. Ensure you have money for application and housing (approx. \$200-\$300)</p>
<p>October 1st- Fill out FAFSA form with previous year's tax info: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov Don't wait until the last minute. The form takes time to fill out. Attend FAFSA assistance night or call the LFYS Program staff for assistance if needed. You will need your parents previous years' tax information and a total of money in savings accounts, etc.</p>
<p>Ensure you are taking all Oklahoma Promise required classes: http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/required-courses.shtml Your counselor and mentor can help with this as well.</p>
<p>Are you making progress towards achieving your summer goals? We will be reviewing these with you in December!</p>
<p>Update your resume with work history, volunteer events, club involvements, awards, and other activities. Store this in your College Prep Guide.</p>
<p>Did you take AP courses? Make sure you take the AP exam to receive college credit. The LFYS Program will pay for this exam if the school does not provide you with a voucher. (LFYS Program will pay for up to 3 tests-see Policy). https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam</p>
<p>FEBRUARY-APRIL. Visit HS counselor web site frequently for scholarships: https://sites.google.com/site/bhsstudentsplanning/scholarships. Also, the LFYS Program Scholarship Resource Chart: http://www.loweyoungscholar.org/lfys-student-resources_id133 Note deadlines and don't wait until the last minute to fill out the applications. Set a goal for filling out a certain number of scholarships and reach it!</p>
<p>Information about school tours. OKWU: https://www.okwu.edu/visit/ OSU: https://admissions.okstate.edu/visit/ RSU: http://www.rsu.edu/admissions/visit-campus/</p>
<p>Have you met with your counselor? How many times?</p>
<p>Is your career choice degree available at your college choice?</p>
<p>You must have visited the university that you are planning to attend in order to receive scholarship there. I have toured: OSU _____ RSU _____ OKWU _____ Others _____</p>
<p>Review your College Prep Guide to make sure you are on track.</p>
<p>Review the information provided on your College Student Aid Report (generated after you fill out your FAFSA) and correct any inaccuracies.</p>
<p>Request that your high school send your transcript to the colleges to which you have applied.</p>
<p>Use FAFSA Forecaster to estimate federal aid.</p>
<p>Promptly accept your financial award letter if required. Ensure you are not accepting loans unless you need them. Contact the LFYS Program staff if you have questions or are unsure what to accept.</p>
<p>Enroll as soon as possible in courses necessary for your degree. Discuss with mentor/staff how to sign up for classes.</p>
<p>If a loan is needed, apply for the B.L.E.S.S Fund.</p>