Preparing For College	**9th Grade**	**10th Grade**	**11th Grade**	**12th Grade**
Research Colleges/Universities: Look online, attend college fairs, or take college visits in person. Make sure you go to the admission page, check for freshman or undergraduate admission requirements. Look at cost of attendance for a YEAR.	x	x	x	x
Work hard to achieve good grades. Higher grades will lead to possible scholarship $$ and entrance into better colleges.	x	x	x	x
Take classes that will challenge you and will go towards graduation and college admission requirements.	x	x	x	x
Take a math class all 4 years. Many schools have admission requirements beyond our graduation requirements-- two years of a world language, a year of fine arts, etc. Plus you most likely will have to take a math course your first year in college so staying up on your math skills is wise as well.	x	x	x	x
Take the PSAT: Test at your public high school in Oct.		x	x	
Take the ACT and or SAT. SAT: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration ACT: https://www.act.org/ . Not all colleges will require these tests, but it doesn't hurt to take them and they still require them for the Alaska Performance Scholarship.			x	x
Get involved in extracurricular activities.	x	x	x	x
Participate in community service/volunteer opportunities.	x	x	x	x
Gain some work experience prior to graduating.			x	x
Meet with advisory teacher and let them know your plans to attend college so they can help guide you in your selections on classes.	x	x	x	x
Talk with your parents early about college and what plans have been made or come up with a plan on how to pay for college. Look up the costs to attend college (tuition, room, board, fees, travel, books, supplies, misc.)	x	x	x	x
If you plan on participating in a sport at the Division I or II level, you must fill out the NCAA eligibility application online and meet those academic qualifications. Make sure you tell your school counselor early in your high school career. https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/			x	x

Look for ways to lower costs for college: Scholarships, Grants, FAFSA, WUE, Take college credit courses in high school, high GPA's mean $$ and sports, music, military scholarships. WUE Link: https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/	x	x	x	x
Fill out the FAFSA. https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa				x
Know your social security number.			x	x
Make sure you have a state I.D. or Driver's license.			x	x
Make sure you have a professional email address when you start working on your college applications and online communications.			x	x
Keep (File) all your awards, certificate, honors paperwork, ect. for you to use for your senior years' college and scholarship application process.	x	x	x	X
Get 3 letter of recommendations from either teachers, counselors, principals, coaches, or employers.			x	x
Start applying ONLINE to colleges/universities. Apply for UNDERGRADUATE/FRESHMAN APPLICATION				x
Send your OFFICIAL transcripts to the colleges that you applied to.				X
Send your SAT/ACT test scores to the colleges that you applied to if requested.				x
Apply to one of the University of Alaska State School schools- even if you want to attend college out of state. If your GPA and test scores are high enough to receive free money, through the Alaska Performance Scholarship, you have 6 years to claim it. You just need to apply to the University and fill out the FAFSA.				x
Fill out the FAFSA-End of December: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa				x
Search/Apply for any scholarships			x	x
Know your overall GPA, weighted or unweighted, class rank and test scores.			x	x
Know what date deadlines for admission applications, housing, payments, college commitments, paperwork, etc.			x	x
Some colleges/universities will require you to apply for admissions by the COMMON APP: https://www.commonapp.org/				x

Once accepted/committed to a college/university, set up a meeting with an admission counselor or advisor to help sign up for classes. Find out how to sign up for classes and what classes you need to take. Most colleges will make you take some GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS or take an entrance test if you did not take the SAT/ACT test or meet certain requirements.				x
Once accepted/committed to a college/university, apply for housing and board if you will be living on campus. Make any payments needed by the deadline.				x
After graduation, send your final OFFICIAL transcript to your college/university and if you are playing sports, to the NCAA eligibility center or NAIA eligibility Center depending on where you will be participating.				x