

# Middle School Checklist

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Start developing strong **Study Skills**. Developing good study habits now will help you to achieve better grades and get you to the colleges you want to go to later.
- Start talking to adults who have jobs that look fun.
- Read at least **One Book** a month.
- **Participate** in class and school activities.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Start taking **Difficult Classes**. If you can handle classes that are more difficult, they will set you on a path towards college and may even help you earn some college credit in high school.
- Start getting involved in school or community-based **Extracurricular Activities**.
- Start reading **Magazine** or **Newspaper Articles**.
- Start a **Journal**. Journaling on a regular basis will help to improve your writing skills.
- **Do your best** on Standardized Tests and in classes.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Keep doing your best!** Work hard to earn good grades and participate in your classes.
- **Explore** your Career interests and options.
- Continue taking **Difficult Classes** if you can handle them.
- Talk to your Guidance Counselor or Advisor about the classes you can take in High School that can help you achieve.
- Talk to current college students about their college experience.