9th grade:
- Review Georgia’s graduation requirements and ensure you are on the right track to meet them annually.
- Meet with your counselor to establish a working relationship and review your classes and goals every year.
- Take classes that will challenge you and develop a four-year plan along with your Big’s help.
- Plan to get involved in extracurricular activities; this will help make you a well-rounded student.

10th grade:
- Meet with your counselor and consider taking advance placement classes and/or enrolling in the dual enrollment program.
- Continue to study hard, maintain good grades and a high GPA.
- Explore the PreACT or PSAT and plan to take it soon; continue to check the websites for COVID-19 updates.
- Remain involved with activities in your school and community.

Fall/Winter:
- Study hard, maintain good grades and know what a GPA is; the higher it is, the better your chances are for college admission.
- Read as much as possible; this will help you expand your vocabulary and prepare you for your next challenging year in high school.
- Participate in summer academic enrichment programs, workshops, or camps with a focus on music, arts, science, and other interests.
- Explore what college is about and ask your Big for guidance.

Spring/Summer:
- Continue to rely on your Big for support.
- Build a relationship with the teachers whose classes you enjoy; they can be able to provide letters of recommendation for college admissions.
- Think about which majors interest you and take a career assessment test.
- Explore ways on how to pay for college and learn about the financial aid process.
- Plan a fun, summer college tour with your Big.

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