

Remember: You should be talking with your parents throughout this entire process! This checklist is designed to give you general direction regarding what happens, and when.

- Get off to a good start! Study hard and turn in all assignments.
- Get to know your teachers.
- Meet with your guidance counselor.
- Read, read, read!
- Apply for a Social Security Number if you do not already have one.
- Take advantage of every opportunity to participate in enrichment activities.
- Develop, with your counselor, a four year plan for high school and ideas for college.
- Take the [EXPLORE](#) test in 8th grade and meet with a counselor to understand the results.
- Review your academic strengths and weaknesses. Talk with friends and family about careers and possible college choices. You might also want to visit our [Career Exploration](#) site or [Choosing](#) a college.
- Attend, with your parent, any financial planning or "how to afford college" programs offered at your school or in the community. Consider [Savings Plans](#) in the [Paying](#) section of PEFmap2college.
- [Visit](#) a college campus, either locally ([UTC](#) or [Chatt. State](#)) or somewhere else.
- Check out [KnowHow2Go](#) for information that is targeted at middle school students.
- Hear from some recent Hamilton County graduates who have gone off to college on the [Meet the Grads](#) page.
- Click through the rest of [PEFmap2college.org](#) for more information on all of these topics.