



# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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## Do high school right.

- Meet with your school counselor and develop a four-year high school plan.

## Explore college options.

- Use the College Guide to research colleges in Utah and discover which colleges may be right for you.
- Talk with your parents, friends, and community members about their college experience, and start thinking about what you want out of yours.

## Get involved in your school and community.

Volunteer experience and after-school activities boost your resume and may help you qualify for scholarships.

- Volunteer in your community. Find volunteer opportunities with U Serve Utah ([userve.utah.gov](https://userve.utah.gov)) and United Way 2-1-1 ([uw.org/211/volunteer](https://uw.org/211/volunteer)).
- Sign up for at least one school club or after school program. Talk to your school counselor or a teacher about what opportunities are available.

## Learn about the different ways to pay for college.

- Read about the various ways to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans on [ktsutah.org](https://ktsutah.org).
- Make a plan to pay for college with your parents. For example, part-time work in high school and college can help you pay for college costs and start building your resume.
- Start to build a scholarship and college admissions resume to track your achievements. Use the scholarship toolkit at [ktsutah.org](https://ktsutah.org) to get you started.
- With the help of an adult, open a college savings account. Learn more at [my529.org](https://my529.org). If you already have a savings account, contribute what you can to it.