

# 9th Grade Roadmap

## September

### Objectives:

1. Professionalism
2. First Impressions
3. Self-Awareness

### Portfolio Product:

- Resume: Start your Resume

### Club Activity:

- College & Career Readiness Portfolio Overview
- Resume Activity

### College Readiness Coaching:

- Monthly Check In Questions
  - Are you meeting with your mentor?
  - Review Grades/GPA
  - Have you updated the contents of your portfolio recently? (Resume, Essay, Community Service, College Visits, etc.)
- Self Awareness Questions
  - What are your goals for this year?
  - What is one thing you want to change from last year and one thing you want to remain the same?
  - What did you learn at the Fall Workshop? What was your favorite lesson learned?

### Mentor Focus/Talking Points:

- Check in with student about summer and the start of their school year.
- Identify Support Systems
  - Teachers, Guidance Counselor(s), Coaches, Other
- Discuss resume progress and assist with resume development/completion.
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 18: Exploring Social Emotional Skills - The One Minute Reflection
    - Objective: Practicing Self-Awareness

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## October

### Objectives:

1. Understanding First Generation
2. Personal Adversities & Resiliency
3. Identifying Personal Support Systems on the Journey to Post-Secondary Success

### Portfolio Product:

- Personal Essay

### Club Activity:

- College Knowledge
- Community Building

### Mentor Focus/Talking Points:

- Assist with understanding the student's personal journey to post-secondary education and goals.
  - Think about and talk about scenarios where a student overcame adversity or demonstrated resilience. Allow the student to reflect and reminisce.
- Assist with developing a topic for the student's personal essay.
  - The personal statement essay should be related to overcoming adversity or what makes the student unique. Think about common college essay topics/prompts.
- Discuss post-secondary goals and begin exploring post-secondary desires/opportunities.
  - Does the student know what they want to study in college?
  - Does the student know what schools they are interested in applying to?
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 21: Exploring Social Emotional Skills - Shared Goals
    - Objective: Practicing relationship building skills & working collaboratively to develop a plan for the student's goals.
  - 32: Preparing for College - Why College?
    - Objective: To gain an understanding of the importance of a post-secondary education.

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## November

### Objectives:

1. Interest Inventory
2. Community Service
3. College Knowledge

### Portfolio Product:

- Interest Assessment

### Club Activity:

- Service Project Brainstorming
- Career Assessment & Program Research

### Mentor Focus/Talking Points:

- Assist with interest brainstorming.
  - What does the student like in terms of career interests?
  - What does the student know about that specific field or line of work?
- Remind the student to complete their interest assessment for their portfolio.
- What kind of community service has the student completed? What type of community service projects interest the student?
  - What does community service mean to the student?
  - What is the importance of community service?
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 33: Preparing for College - Know your Degrees
    - Objective: Learn the value and meaning of the various post-secondary academic degrees.

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## December

### Objectives:

1. Complete all portfolio tasks from Semester 1.
  - Resume
  - Personal Essay
  - Interest Assessment

### Portfolio Product:

- Complete all portfolio tasks from Semester 1.

### Club Activity:

- No Club Meetings.

### Mentor Focus/Talking Points:

- Review completion of portfolio tasks
- Review and reflect about semester 1.
  - Discuss various aspects of school life and classes.
  - Discuss personal life and check-in with the student about their life and relationships with others.
- Discuss goals for 2023 and semester 2.
- Discuss plans for Winter Break and the Holidays.
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 6: Setting Realistic Goals - SMART Goals
    - Objective: Gain an understanding of goal setting and identify personal short and long term goals for semester 2.

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## January

### Objectives:

1. Importance of Service

### Portfolio Product:

- Community Service Form

### Club Activity:

- Community Service Project
- Community Building Activity

### Mentor Focus:

- Share your experiences with Community Service and Volunteering
- Engage in conversations about Community Service
  - Importance of Service
  - Opportunities for Community Service
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 42: Ways to Gain Work Experience
    - Objective: Learn about the different ways to gain work experience.
    - Focus on the “Volunteer Projects” section to guide conversations around Community Service.

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## February

### Objectives:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Teamwork
3. Problem Solving
4. Career Exploration

### Portfolio Product:

- Critical Thinking Activity

### Club Activity:

- Problem Solving Activity
- Jobs in Demand Activity

### Mentor Focus:

- Share your personal story about career exploration and your professional journey.
- Talk about different programs offered at different colleges and universities.
  - Explore certificates and/or degrees needed for career areas of interest.
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 33: Know Your Degrees
    - Objective: The student will learn the value and meaning of the various post-secondary academic degrees.

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## March

### Objectives:

1. First Generation Shared Experience

### Portfolio Product:

- College Tour/Virtual Tour Review

### Club Activity:

- Guest Speaker
- College Knowledge Review

### Mentor Focus:

- Discuss different colleges and universities and your student's desires related to their post-secondary goals.
- **Mentor Toolkit Activity**
  - 22: How Do I Decide?
    - Objective: The student and mentor will practice social emotional skills of responsible decision-making.

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## April & May

### Objectives:

1. End of Year Celebrations

### Portfolio Product:

- *Portfolio should be completed by now!*

### Club Activity:

- End of Year Awards

### Mentor Focus:

- Review goals that were set for the 2022-2023 school year and discuss accomplishments.
- Discuss the student's desire to set new goals and aspirations for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Celebrate your student's successes from throughout the school year and life lessons that have been learned.