

# College Preparation and Readiness Activities for 9th Grade Students and their Foster Parents/Caregivers

## Career & Personal Development

- Explore academic and career interests.
- Create a personal achievement portfolio.
- Go to community and cultural events.
- Take an interest inventory.
- Get involved in activities.

## Academic Preparation

- Pay attention to your GPA and try to keep it above a 2.0.
- Keep your options open by taking the most challenging classes you can.
- Ask your school counselor about Honors, AP, IB, Running Start, and Tech Prep classes.
- Learn how to manage your time wisely.
- Start preparing for the 10th grade WASL test.

## Tutoring

- Participate in tutoring services.
- Join a "homework club".

## Mentor Relationships

- Join a mentoring program.

## College Planning Activities

- Learn about different types of colleges and what they offer (vocational, two-year, four-year, etc.).
- Adopt a college by following their sports teams, getting a t-shirt or pennant, and researching their programs.
- Visit a college campus.
- Use the Internet to get more information about college (College Edge, Think College Early, etc.).
- Complete your high school course plan.

## Parent/Caregiver Involvement

- Go to college planning workshops and information sessions.
- Meet with your child's school counselor.
- Learn about different types of colleges.
- Visit college campuses.
- Lead or organize a parent activity at your student's school.
- Learn about the money available to pay for college.