

Pre-College Summer Checklist

ACADEMIC

- Talk to your high school counseling department and follow the process to request your final transcript be sent to your college's admission office.
- If you wish to apply for college credit, share AP exam score(s) with your college's admission or registrar's office.
- Find out if you will need to take math, writing, or foreign language placement exams.
- If you are assigned an academic advisor, schedule an appointment early and learn how to register for your first semester courses.
- Make sure you return all forms sent by your college over the summer in a timely manner. If you will be away, make arrangements for someone to check your mail/email.

FINANCES

- Find out when your first tuition and housing bill is due and share the dates with any adult(s) in your life who may be helping you pay for college.
- Complete the paperwork for any student loan(s) you've accepted as part of your financial aid package.
- Create a budget and think about how you will cover expenses such as books, personal items, travel, and entertainment. If appropriate, open a checking account and obtain a debit or credit card.
- If you plan to work part-time, do some research in advance on your work-study or off-campus job options.

TECHNOLOGY

- Set up your new college email. Most colleges will guide you via an online student portal.
- Check to see if there are specific computer requirements and decide what other gadgets and technology you will need. Your college's bookstore or computing resources department may have recommendations and offer special discounts.
- Determine whether printing is available with easy access.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Get a checkup from your primary care doctor and dentist. You will likely be asked to submit the results of a recent physical exam and demonstrate your vaccination history. Proof of immunizations, including Covid and meningitis, is typically required.
- Check your college's requirements for health insurance. You will either need to provide proof of your own insurance or enroll in your college's student plan (which can be costly).
- If you take prescription medications you'll need to make arrangements to avoid an interruption in your medication supply.
- If you wear glasses or contacts, go to the eye doctor and make a plan for obtaining the supplies you will need.

HOUSING

- Complete your housing forms on time. Late forms may result in less appealing options.
- Contact and connect with your new roommate(s).
- Mark your calendar with the dates for move-in and new student orientation.
- Review the checklist your college provides you for dorm room essentials and items not permitted.
- Learn how to do your laundry.

TRANSPORTATION

- If you will have a car on campus (some schools do not allow first-year students to bring cars), obtain a parking permit (if applicable).
- If commuting to campus, make a transportation plan to get to college on the first day of class.

FAMILY

- Establish a communication plan with your family. Set expectations and limits around visits, phone calls, and texts.
- If your college offers a formal Family Weekend in the fall semester, share the dates with any adult(s) in your life who may wish to attend.