

FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

As you enter your first year of high school, now is the perfect time to start the process towards launching your Dakota Dream — if you haven't already. The earlier you start, the better prepared you will be for education after high school and turning your dreams into reality.

Use this checklist to help get prepared, and check tasks off your list — Our Dakota Dreams will be by your side every step of the way.



Take an interest and skills assessment test to help you explore different career options — free tests are available online.



Talk it out with your school counselor — School counselors help navigate these confusing times and help to get you on the right path.



Discuss your dreams with your parents and family members — Make a plan for savings and college costs.



Check if your school requires 10th graders to take the [PLAN to prepare for the ACT](#).



Explore different extracurricular activities to see what you like and don't like.



Review your high school class plan — Take difficult classes that will challenge you and stay on top of schoolwork.



Consider taking some classes that will help you earn college credit.



Look into different internship opportunities and apprenticeships to further explore your Dakota Dream!



Check out different summer camps that are offered, and enroll in a summer enrichment program.