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Checklist to Consider for the End of the School Year

The end of a school year or term is a hectic time for students, parents and teachers. Take a look at this checklist and consider what you need to do.



- Check out from school making sure all items to be returned are.
- Make sure that your student's schedule is in place for the next school year.
- Think about getting some of the textbooks your student will use for the next school year and have your student do some reading in them over the summer.
- Keep your student's math skills alive during the summer. Get recommended review work from this year's math program and preview work for next year's math program.
- Make sure you have the required summer reading list. If there are no requirements, ask this year's English or Language Arts teacher for recommendations.
- Ask teachers for recommended websites that have some drill in different subjects to keep skills alive.
- If grammar is a weak point for your student, then make sure you have some textbooks, workbooks and web sites that your student can use.
- Plan the summer for "gobs" of "down time" for your student. Dreaming days are at a premium and should be allowed in large amounts.
- Let your student explore interests during the summer that involve sports, music, art and reading.
- Make sure your student is not programmed up to the last minute when school begins again. You should make sure that your student has the week free before returning to school.
- Even though it seems like a long time, 6 to 8 weeks of summer is a very short time!

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Incoming Seniors

If your student is going to be a high school senior in August/September of 2010, here are some important suggestions for items that need to be completed.

- Complete all college applications.

- Complete all essays for the applications.
- Think about teacher recommendations so the selection is done before school starts.
- Consider if more tests need to be taken and when such as ACT and SAT I.
- Decide on early decision, early action and regular action plans for applications.
- Visit schools as you have time. Make sure that you go to an information session and on a tour. Usually information sessions are conducted by the admissions office and the tours are conducted by students who attend the schools.

Graduating Seniors

Make sure your graduating senior completes the following:

- Mail final transcript to college or university.
- Make sure all deposits are completed for academics and housing.
- Pay attention to orientation dates and registration dates.

Getting Copies of Next Year's Textbooks

Try to get copies of books your student will use for the coming school year. Then have your student spend some time becoming acquainted with how the textbook is put together and learn what the publishers' websites may have in the way of help for learning.

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