## Preparing for Graduation:

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Meet with your counselor to discuss college/career goals
- Begin thinking about the high school classes that will prepare you for college
- Take the most difficult classes you can handle.
- Ask your parents or teachers to help you develop good study habits
- Practice setting and reaching goals
- Volunteer in your community
- Take interest and skills assessments to help you think about possible career options
- Create a tentative high school class plan
- Enroll in a summer enrichment program
- Do you best on ACT EXPLORE Test in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade
- Review your 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade ACT EXPLORE results to determine if you are "college ready"
- In spring, prepare for Reading and Math OAA
- Take time to meet with your teachers outside of class if you have questions or if you are curious about other areas related to the class. This shows teachers you are interested in learning the material
- Learn to balance the demands of your academics, extracurricular interests, and social life



