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## Conversation Starters

### Freshman Year Is a Pivotal Year – 9th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 9th grader about how ninth grade is a make or break year and can make for a high-stakes first year of high school.

- ▶ Freshman year counts for one-fourth of your high school GPA, so it is very important to have a solid start to your high school experience.
- ▶ Let's arrange for you to talk to a couple of sophomores who can tell you what to expect, and let's be sure to attend your freshman orientation.
- ▶ You should also do some online studying to get a head start on your classes.
- ▶ How about setting a goal to talk to one or two people in each of your new classes? You might also consider forming a study group?
- ▶ Let's make sure you have a planner so you are ready to stay organized in all your classes.
- ▶ Please don't hesitate to tell me if you start to struggle in any of your classes. We'll work together to figure out what to do.



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