

# Keep Your Doors OPEN !!!!!

Even though you just got to high school the choices you make now will impact your post-high school options. To make sure that you are keeping "your doors open" use the checklist below as a guide to get the *most* out of your high school years.

- **Make sure you have completed a tentative 4-year plan.** Use the form from your counselor to map out your high school courses. Ask your counselor for help if you need it.
- **Maintain a good Grade Point Average (GPA).** Beginning this year your grades are officially documented on your high school transcript. The grades that you earn this year will have a tremendous impact on your cumulative GPA. *Take challenging classes.* Talk to your parents and counselor about developing strategies for maintaining or improving your grades.
- **Start NOW - Get Involved.** High school offers a variety of opportunities to get involved in sports, clubs, leadership or volunteer work. Not only does this help you stay connected to your school and community but *these types of activities are extremely important for job, scholarships and college applications.*
- **Talk with your parents about your post-high school plans.** Ask their advice about your career and educational options.
- **Get career information.** If you need specific information about different careers or educational programs make an appointment to visit your counselor or use the internet to research your interests.
- **Read the College & Career Magazines in the Counseling Office.** Find out about opportunities to explore careers, to find out what's coming up and get information about the college planning process.