

9th Grade Road to and Through College I

Scope & Sequence

2026-2027

RTTC I Course Vision

The 9th Grade Road to and Through College course is focused on how to be a successful high school student and what it takes to get into college. Throughout the year, students will be challenged to learn about their own learning styles, organizational styles, personalities, and passions. This year of exploration will push students to become the best high school students that they can be as they evaluate their progress through their freshman year. Students will also begin the process of exploring different colleges and universities to get a sense of where they envision themselves after high school.

In the chart below, you will see an overview of each unit throughout the year. The length of each unit includes time to administer the unit assessment. When each unit happens will vary slightly between regions, but the number of instructional days will not. ***The RTTC I curriculum is designed for an A/B Day schedule (every other day instruction).***

RTTC I Topics & Skills:

Unit Title	KEY CONCEPTS FROM UNIT
Unit 1 – Welcome to High School 15 Instructional Days Unit End Date: September 29 th , 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Road to and Through College Course • High School – 4 Year Graduation Plan • Calculating GPA • Importance of GPA, ACT, AP, Top 10%, & TSI (Texas only) • SMART goals & goal setting • Organization & Time Management • Introduction to Note Taking • Extra-Curricular Involvement & Community Service • Delayed Gratification • Study Habits • PowerSchool & Overgrad
Unit 2 – Self Discovery 17 Instructional Days Unit End Date: November 20 th , 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character Building- GRIT • Malleable Intelligence & Growth Mindset • Strengths and Areas of Growth • Aptitudes • Learning Styles • Personality Exploration • Cultural Heritage & Family Background • Emotional Intelligence & Regulation

Unit 3 - Envisioning Your Future 13 Instructional Days Unit End Date: January 26 th , 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying your interests & passions • Overgrad career interests survey • Cost of living exploration • Exploring personal motivations for college • Aligning life goals with a college degree • Personal Purpose Statements • Grip Tape Applications
Unit 4 – Foundational College Knowledge 18 Instructional Days Unit End Date: March 25 th , 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The personal and public benefits of a college degree • Different types of colleges and universities • College admissions criteria and selectivity • High School Transcripts • The benefits of applying to Tier 1 & 2 colleges and universities • Types of college degrees • How majors & minors align with careers • Types of Financial Aid & College Affordability • Significance of graduating in 4 years
Unit 5 – College Exploration 21 Instructional Days Unit End Date: May 25 th , 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to “Match” • Academic Budget / Merit • Introduction to “Fit” • College Research • % Financial Need Met • EOY Presentations • Public Speaking & Oral Presentation Skills
Spiraled Skills Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring GPA and Grades (Grade Monitoring) • Reflecting on goal attainment & progress • Reflecting on Learning—successes, failures, strengths, progress, and growth • Reflecting on Self—identity, values, interests, passions, personal connection to college & career • Articulating Future Goals • Professional Communication • Backwards Planning • Self-Advocacy