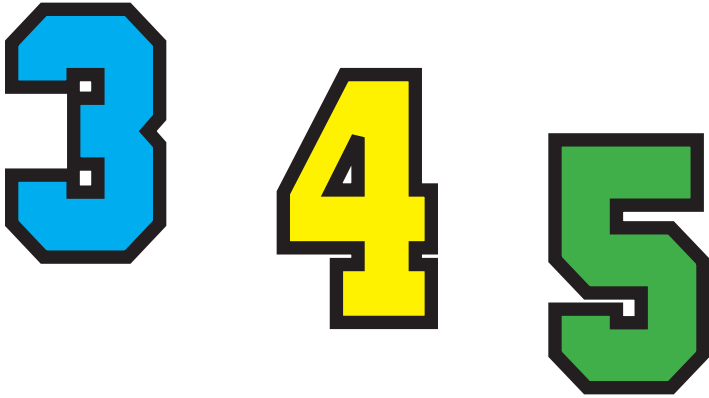


Be a good student.

- Develop strong study skills
- Make good grades
- Memorize math formulas & facts
- Learn to print and to write cursive

Cursive: Did you know the SAT requires students to write out a statement in cursive during the exam?



Get to know yourself.

Expand your horizons and try out different activities to determine what you really enjoy. Analyze what you like and what you don't like: What do you really enjoy about a particular activity? What do you not like? What challenges you?

Find your passions.

Don't confuse being good at something with being passionate about it. You may be good at many things, but typically you will only be passionate about a few. Don't lock yourself into something too early and don't try to do too much. Be authentic. Do what you are passionate about and work toward leadership roles.

Actively build your vocabulary.

- Make and use flashcards
- Tackle about 10 new vocab words a week
- READ: look for vocab in context
- WRITE: use your vocab as you journal and express yourself
- SPEAK: use your vocab to communicate and get comfortable pronouncing each term

Learn to persevere.

Don't give up just because something is tough. Sometimes it's the most challenging things—those that you have to work the hardest at and that you don't start off good at—that will become your greatest source of inspiration and motivation. Don't give in or give up just because something doesn't come easily for you.

Once you learn to keep trying until you succeed, to work through the discomfort of trying something unfamiliar, and to push yourself, you won't settle for less just because less is easier.



Ignore false limits.

Have you ever had someone tell you that you can't do something? Or that you aren't good at something? Has someone ever tried to put you down? Those people are trying to set limits for you. You don't have to accept these limits, even if they come from someone you respect and admire.

False limits often come in the form of simple "You can't" statements (like, "You can't write or do math or play ball or speak in front of people or . . ."). Anyone who says you "can't" do something is setting limitations that you don't have to accept.

Reject the influence of people who are willing to settle for too little. Surround yourself with people who enable and inspire you to achieve your best results. You may find that you're not good at something, and that's fine. If this happens, move on to something else until you find what your strengths are.



College Readiness

Academic tutoring
7th Grade SAT and ACT
SAT: ReadStep, PSAT, and SAT
ACT: Explore, Plan, and ACT
Workshops: Applications, Admissions, Essays, & More!

Vocabulary

Levels 6 - 12 (get a head start!)

Flashcards, online flashcards, online activities, Apps

Math

Acceleration Remediation Private Tutoring

Go beyond the minimum.

Learn to love learning and embrace challenges—in the classroom, at the lunch table, on the playground, at home, everywhere you are. Play hard and learn hard.

That's how you will discover yourself—what drives you, what makes you tick, what makes you excited to get up in the morning and reluctant to go to bed at night. That's the you who will make a difference. That's the you people will want to know, and that's the you that colleges and employers will be looking for!



Recognize the power of grades.

Grades are one important way people determine what you know and how prepared you are. Use grades to prove yourself to others, but don't lose sight of the fact that there is more than grades: there is learning and interest. There are things that you will want to keep investigating just because you want to know more—*so explore!* There are debates that you won't want to stop when the bell rings—*so debate!* Ask questions and be willing to do what it takes to find the answers!