

9 Start building your high school transcript



- Develop strong study skills
- Make good grades
- **Take Geometry or Algebra**
- **Get involved in new extracurricular activities**
- **Start working on SAT vocabulary flashcards**
- **Create a College and Career Information Folder**
 - Explore colleges and careers on the internet
 - Shadow people at work to explore careers
- Update list of extracurricular activities, community service, awards, honors, and classes (THE LIST)
- **Make the most of the summer break**
 - Take advantage of summer programs at colleges
 - Volunteer in the local community

Prepare for PSAT, SAT, ACT



- Take the PSAT in October (this is when it counts!)
- Keep working on SAT Vocabulary Flashcards
- Take a practice ACT or SAT in the late fall
- Take a course to improve your test scores
- Take a practice ACT or SAT in the early spring
- Once your practice tests show you are ready, take the official SAT and ACT

Build your College and Career Info Folder

- Investigate SAT and ACT requirements at colleges
- Put 2 colleges on your "reach" list and 5 on your "attainable" list
- Search for scholarship and financial aid programs
- Update THE LIST (see Grade 9)

Make the most of the summer break

- Visit college campuses
- Talk with college admissions counselors
- Participate in summer programs at colleges
- Write your college admissions essays
- Volunteer in the local community

At end of spring, request recommendation letters from teachers

Register as a student athlete

- Register for the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Submit SAT and ACT scores to the Clearinghouse in the spring

Prepare for college admission exams

- Take the PSAT in October (for practice)
- Keep working on SAT Vocab Flashcards
- Take a practice ACT or SAT in the spring

Build your College and Career Info Folder

- Take a career interest inventory
- Request information from 8 to 10 colleges
- Identify apprenticeship opportunities
- Shadow people at work to explore careers
- Investigate financial aid and scholarship requirements
- Update THE LIST (see Grade 9)

Make the most of the summer break

- Take advantage of summer programs at colleges
- Volunteer in the local community
- Take a summer SAT or ACT course (if you know your junior year will be too busy to take the course then)



All grade levels:



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- Sign up for the best explanations at knowsys1.blogspot.com
- Maximize your vocab building with our app!
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for insights!
- Take pre-AP, AP, and/or Dual Credit courses

Don't get senioritis -- stay focused!

Retake SAT &/or ACT, if necessary

- Keep working on SAT vocab flashcards & get the Level 12 flashcards (what level words do you think are in college textbooks?)

Finalize your College & Career Info Folder

- Add the last items to THE LIST (see Grade 9)
- Narrow your college choices & visit campuses
- Attend college fairs, career fairs, & financial aid workshops

Apply to colleges

- Gather applications
- Note early admissions deadlines (often November 1)
- Make a checklist of admissions requirements
- Proofread & finalize admissions essays & applications

Apply for financial aid

- Search for scholarships & complete applications
- Complete financial aid applications
- Complete the FAFSA between Jan 1 & March 10

Evaluate admissions offers

- Review & evaluate financial aid offers
- Check deadlines for sending in acceptance & deposit money
- Apply for housing

Make the most of the summer break

- Find a part-time job
- Forward final high school transcript to selected college
- Plan the details of college life: budgets, courses, orientation, etc



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

• Be A Good Student!

- Develop strong study skills
- Make good grades
- Memorize math formulas & facts

• Continue building your vocab systematically using flashcards

• Get involved in new extracurricular activities

• Create a College and Career Information Folder

- Start a list of extracurricular activities, community service, awards, honors, and classes (THE LIST)

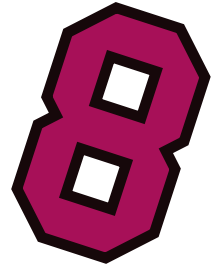


• Take challenging courses

- Take Algebra and Pre-AP courses
- Review math formulas
- Review grammar rules
- Keep using your vocabulary cards

• Start thinking about colleges & careers

- Start a list of careers that interest you
- Make a list of appealing colleges
- Update THE LIST (see Grade 6)
- Take a practice ACT or SAT in the spring



• Plan for high school

- Pay attention to the high school orientation
- Research clubs and extracurricular activities
- Let academic factors determine your schedule

• Balance academics and athletics

- Choose which sports you will play
- Check sports schedules
- Plan study times into your schedule



Take challenging courses

- Read and write!
- Memorize grammar rules
- Continue building your vocab systematically using flashcards
- Take a practice ACT or SAT in the spring

• Start thinking about career options

• Update THE LIST (see 6)

• If you are selected for the Talent Identification Program:

- Take an SAT Prep Course designed for 7th graders
- Take the January SAT for your TIP SAT exam
- Take advantage of summer programs at colleges

All grade levels:

• Always make the most of your summer break!

- Take advantage of summer programs at colleges
- Volunteer in the local community
- Journal at least three times a week
- Read!



All grade levels:

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College Prep Test Terms

Practice Exam: SAT and ACT exams created by Knowsys Educational Services to SIMULATE the actual test and testing experience. The results do not go on your permanent record and are not seen by any universities. Contact Knowsys for details at info@ktprep.com.

SAT: The Official SAT administered by The College Board. Used by universities throughout the U.S. as part of the admissions and/or scholarship application process. Students should take the SAT in the Spring of their Junior Year. Register at www.collegeboard.org.

ACT: The Official ACT administered by the ACT, Inc. Used by many universities throughout the U.S. as part of the admissions and/or scholarship application process. Students should take the ACT in the Spring of their Junior Year. Register at www.actstudent.org.

PSAT: The Preliminary SAT given on a Wednesday in October at your local high school. It is used to identify National Merit Scholars. The PSAT is NOT used in the college admissions process. The PSAT only counts for National Merit in the JUNIOR year. Register with your high school counselor.

SAT Subject Tests: One-hour multiple-choice exams administered by The College Board and required by some top-tier colleges IN ADDITION TO the SAT or ACT exams for admission purposes. The SAT IIs are offered in 20 subjects, including languages. Register at www.collegeboard.org. Knowsys suggests students taking AP courses take the corresponding SAT II.

AP Exams: Exams administered by The College Board that are usually taken after completion of an AP Course. Universities MAY use the scores from AP exams to give credit or to determine class placement. Exams are given the first two weeks of May. Register at www.collegeboard.org. Ask your counselor for details.