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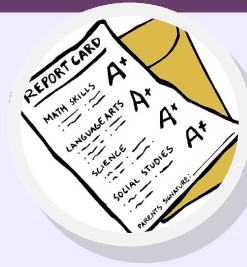
- Prepare for Regents exams.
- Take challenging classes. Most colleges prefer students who have taken 4 years of math and many require it! Taking Advanced Placement classes and College Now classes can make your college application stand out.
- For information about summer jobs for teens and how to obtain working papers, go to NYC's Summer Youth Employment website.
- Continue to study hard.
- Go for tutoring.

## JUNE

- Prepare for and take Regents exams.
- Prepare for and take SAT subject exams.
- Go for tutoring.

## SUMMER

- Colleges want to know how you spend your time each summer.
- Find a summer program, internship, or job that you will enjoy – and remember to get working papers if you find a job.
- Read at least 3 books for fun.
- Visit a college.



## HOW TO GET GOOD GRADES

- Believe in yourself.
- To succeed, you must first believe you can.
- Be organized.
- Use three ring notebook for class notes.
- Be successful in class.
- Sit in the front of class when possible.
- Be in school, on time, every day.
- Be prepared for each class.
- Always do your homework.
- Take good notes.
- Take notes to help you pay attention.
- Go over your notes as soon as possible.
- Read with a purpose.
- Start studying early.

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## COLLEGE READINESS CALENDAR

## SOPHOMORES



### MONTH-TO-MONTH

### CALENDAR

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The Future

NEXT EXIT



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- Attend your local college fairs.
- Myth – I don't have the grades to get into college.
- Fact – There is a place for any student who wants to go to college.
- Fact – A college degree is required for more jobs than ever. College graduates earn an average of 80% more than high school graduates. A certificate or degree may be a requirement for the job or career you want.

## OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT
- Develop a list of interests
- Attend Martin Van Buren's college fair.
- Review your transcript and evaluate your progress with your 4-year plan.

## NOVEMBER

- Begin to involve parents in the college choice process.
- Put forth your best academic effort in these next years.
- Use the internet to start your college search.
- Explore different types of colleges - private, public, professional, and arts.

## DECEMBER

- Using PSAT results and materials and the website [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart), begin to develop range of colleges.
- Talk with graduates who are home from college.
- Continue to study hard & get good grades.

## JANUARY

- Prepare for final exams and Regents.
- Start to look into SAT subject tests for any advanced classes you are taking.
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges (8-12 choices).
- Meet with your guidance counselor to review your grades and determine which Regents exams you should take in June.
- Study hard.

## FEBRUARY

- Myth – I don't have anyone to help me figure out the college planning and application process.
- Fact – Your guidance counselor and college office are great resources and can help you start planning for college as early as 9th grade.
- Get support from your guidance counselor, teachers and principal. They have all been to college and can help you get there. Talk to them about your dream career and ask for their advice about what you need to do to achieve it.

## MARCH

- Register for SAT subject tests.
- There are more college guides on the web. Visit those sites for valuable tools and additional resources.
- By the end of 10th grade, you should take three Regents exams: math, science and history.
- Ask your guidance counselor and teachers if they know of any summer opportunities.
- Apply for working papers. (Remember, you must be 15 to work in New York City.)
- Go for tutoring.

## APRIL

- Meet with your guidance counselor to:
  - ⇒ Discuss your academic progress.
  - ⇒ Review your 4-year course plan and choose the classes you need to take next year.
  - ⇒ Discuss your summer plans
  - ⇒ Ask about Advanced Placement classes for next year.
  - ⇒ Find out about and register for a College Now course.
  - ⇒ The College Now program allows students from NYC public high schools to experience college life while still in high school. Students can take college-level classes at their local CUNY campus for free or visit [www.collegenow.cuny.edu](http://www.collegenow.cuny.edu).