

# 2 GETTING READY: PREPARING FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR

**Congratulations!** You've almost made it to your last year of high school. Now is not the time to get senioritis. You still need to do a number of things to graduate from high school and prepare for college.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO THIS SUMMER?

- Register for SAT or ACT tests.** Check with your counselor to see if the SAT is offered at your school.
- Visit colleges** or attend **college fairs** and talk to college **admissions counselors.**
- Make a calendar** for important dates and deadlines.
- Develop a list** of several college choices (technical, 2-year, 4-year, apprenticeships).
  - Identify your top college choices and request information.
- Search for and apply to scholarships.**
- Save money** for college expenses.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO MY SENIOR YEAR?

*To Do:*

- Schedule an advising appointment** with your counselor or college-access mentor.
- If you are enrolled in dual credit courses, **talk to your teacher and counselor** about taking, **AP, IB, or Cambridge exams** to earn college credit.
- Take the SAT or ACT.**
- Complete the FAFSA or WASFA** starting on October 1st of your senior year.
- Discuss a **college budget** with your family
- Work to maintain or **increase your GPA** with senior year grades. Colleges and scholarships require you to send fall AND spring **official transcripts.**

## AM I ON TRACK TO GRADUATE?

- \* **Make sure** you have all the credits needed to graduate.
- \* **Check in regularly** with your teachers about your grades.
- \* **Continue completing other graduation requirements,** such as a senior/culminating project.

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## DON'T FREAK OUT!

If you have questions, make sure to talk to a counselor, teacher, mentor, peer or family member who can help you prepare or refer you to someone who can help.