

# Why College?

- CHOICES
- Meet new people
- Explore interests
- More job opportunities
- Earn a higher income
- Reach a greater potential for yourself
- Become a skilled professional
- Experience success!

# Colleges and Universities

- Over 3,500 colleges and universities across the United States
- Four-Year Colleges and Universities
  - Public and Private
- Two-Year Colleges
  - Public and Private
- School Size, Location, Campus, Residential/Commuter

# Types of College Degrees

- Associates Degree
- Bachelors Degree
- Masters Degree
- Doctorate
- Professional Degrees:
  - M.D.
  - D.D.S
  - Pharm.D.
  - M.S.W.
  - M.Ed.

# New York State

- Private Colleges
  - City University of New York (CUNY)
  - State University of New York (SUNY)
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- Over 200 Colleges and Universities in New York State!!

# College Admissions

## ***Evaluation and Selection Process:***

- High School Academic Performance
  - types of courses, grades, overall average
- Test Scores:  
SAT or ACT
- School and  
Community Activities
- Recommendations
- Application Essay



## ***Competitive Admissions vs. Open Enrollment***

# High School Transcript

## ■ ***Scholastic “History” from 9th Grade through 12th Grade:***

- Name of all Courses since 9th grade
- Grades in each Class
- Overall High School Average (GPA)
- Rank-in-Class
- SAT or ACT scores

# High School Transcript #1

## ■ 9th Grade

– English 9	84
– Math I	85
– Earth Science	83
– History	89

## ■ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

– English 10	76
– Math II	81
– Biology	86
– Music	84
– Art	94

**SAT: 620/630/610**

**ACT: 22**

## ■ 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

– English 11	86
– Math III	83
– Chemistry	82
– Social Studies	88
– Music	91

## ■ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

– English 12	82
– Math IV	81
– Technology	85
– Gov' t/Economics	88

– **High School Ave: 85.6**

– **Rank-in-Class 51/157**

\*This transcripts shows a “B student” who challenged themselves with math all 4 years.

The 12<sup>th</sup> grade year looks a little “light” - We recommend this student to take science in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as well and perhaps some college courses. This will help the student be more college and career ready.

# High School Transcript #2

## ■ 9th Grade

– English 9	84
– Math I	82
– Earth Science R-76	81
– History	90
– Spanish	85

## ■ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

– English 10	82
– Math II	R-78 81
– Biology	R-76 78
– History	92
– Art	88
– Spanish	88

## ■ 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

– Fast Forward English	R-86	82
– Math III	R-78	79
– Chemistry	R-72	82
– AP US History		92
– Technology		94
– Spanish	R-84	89
– Fast Forward Art		96

## ■ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

– English 12	85
– Math IV	83
– Gov' t/Economics	91
– Fast Forward Anthropology	86
– AP Biology	84

- **High School Ave: 85.6**
- **Rank-in-Class: 51/157**

\*This transcripts shows a “B student” who challenged themselves with math & science all 4 years. This student also took advantage of college-level courses while in high school and took Regents courses.

This applicant, as compared to Transcript #1, is “stronger” and more “college ready” even though they have the same GPA and class rank.



# The High School Curriculum

*Why do I need to take so many different subjects in high school?*

- To help identify your interests and abilities
- To help define your career goals
- To prepare for college admission
- To give yourself career *options*

# How to Prepare in High School for College

- Take the most “challenging” academic courses that *you* can *throughout* high school
- Become involved in school and community activities
- Take advantage of the opportunities available to you in high school



# Preparation in High School for College

- *Why is it important to prepare in high school for college?*
  - To Get Admitted to College
  - ***To do well when you get there!!***

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# Student Services

- Academic Advising
- Career Development
- Counseling Services
- Learning Assistance Center
- Campus Activities/Athletics
- Financial Aid:
  - Federal and New York State
  - Loans, Grants , Work-study
  - Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

