## 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)

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:

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

SAT: 620/630/610

**ACT: 22** 

\*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.

#### ■ 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

- Technology85
- Gov' t/Economics 88
- High School Ave: 85.6
- Rank-in-Class 51/157

## High School Transcript #2

#### 9th Grade

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

#### 10th Grade:

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

\*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.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

<ul> <li>Fast Forward English</li> </ul>	R-86	82
<ul><li>Math III</li></ul>	R-78	79
<ul><li>Chemistry</li></ul>	R-72	82
<ul><li>AP US History</li></ul>		92
<ul><li>Technology</li></ul>		94
<ul><li>Spanish</li></ul>	R-84	89
<ul> <li>Fast Forward Art</li> </ul>		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

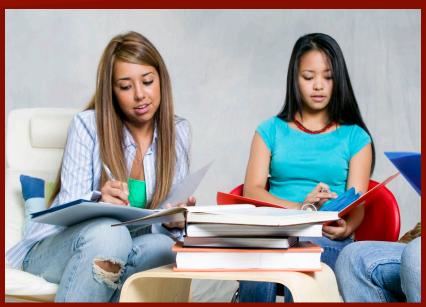
## The High School Curriculum

# 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)

