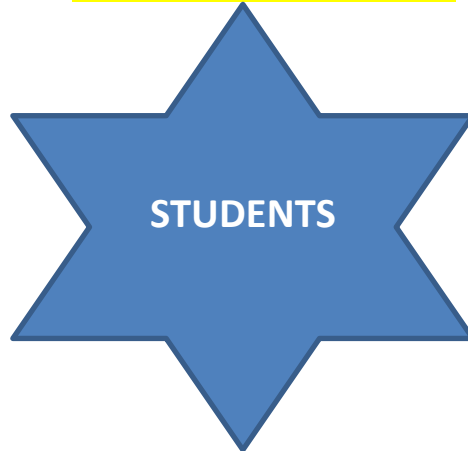


HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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TO DO

- Work with a parent to estimate your potential financial aid using FAFSA4caster at fafsa.gov, and continue to save for college.

- Take challenging classes in core academic subjects. Most colleges require four years of English, at least three years of social studies (history, civics, geography, economics, etc.), three years of math, and three years of science. Many require two years of a foreign language. Round out your course load with classes in computer science and the arts
Take challenging and interesting classes to prepare for high school

- Stay involved in school- or community-based activities that interest you or let you explore career interests. Consider working or volunteering. Remember that it's quality—not quantity—that counts.

- Talk to your school counselor and other mentors about education after high school. Your counselor can answer questions about what classes to take in high school, how to sign up for standardized tests, and where to get money for college.

TO EXPLORE:

- Check out KnowHow2Go: The Four Steps to College, at www.knowhow2go.org for more advice on actions you can take as you start thinking about education beyond high school.

- Get answers to common questions about college by watching our videos on the “Prepare for College” playlist at www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid.

- Learn about managing your money in the “High School Youth” section of www.mymoney.gov