

Resources

Test-taking

- www.collegeboard.org/
- www.khanacademy.org/

Financial Aid

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- www.michigan.gov/studentaid
- www.fastweb.com

College Process

- www.khanacademy.org
- www.knowhow2go.org
- www.micollegeaccess.org
- www.michiganacp.org

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Promoting college and career readiness and access in the Capital Area



Launch Your Dream

CapCAN



OUR GOAL

By 2025, 60% of Capital Area residents will attain a postsecondary degree or valuable credential.

The Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN) is a collaborative community network dedicated to increasing the college attainment rate in the Capital Area. Our network includes representatives from education, higher education, business, nonprofit, philanthropy, and government stakeholders. CapCAN targets our support and services for low-income, communities of color, and first-generation students. Help us create a college-going culture!



Your Journey

When considering your journey during and after high school think of your aspirations and dreams. Exploration is the first step for you to determine your post-secondary college plans. CapCAN encourages you to follow your dreams when deciding to go to college or technical school. This brochure can help you launch your transition from school to career.

Your path to college starts now...

Freshman year:

FALL

- Research college/career opportunities
- Develop good study habits
- Study hard, grades count towards your GPA

WINTER

- Meet your Guidance Counselor
- Explore your interests

SPRING

- Get involved in sports, clubs and extracurricular activities
- Pick classes that set you on your path to college/career

SUMMER

- Look for volunteer opportunities
- Read, read, read
- Discuss college/career possibilities with your parent(s) or trusted adult
- Discuss with your parent(s) or trusted adult how to pay for college/career

Sophomore year:

FALL

- Take a leadership role in sports, clubs and extra-curricular activities
- Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses with your Guidance Counselor/College Adviser

- Take PSAT

WINTER

- Study, study, study
- Research careers and colleges

SPRING

- Meet your Guidance Counselor/College Adviser to discuss your college/career path

- Enroll in AP and IB courses

SUMMER

- Get a summer job/internship
- Save for college/career

Junior year:

FALL

- Build a list of colleges & universities of interest
- Take the PSAT (National Merit Scholar Award)
- Meet with College Admissions Reps

WINTER

- Attend college fairs
- Discuss college with your Guidance Counselor/College Adviser

SPRING

- Visit colleges and universities
- Take SAT/ACT, paid by State of Michigan
- Enroll in AP and IB courses
- Take AP and IB exams

SUMMER

- Visit colleges and universities
- Research scholarships and
- Apply for application fee waivers
- Fill-out college applications
- Submit college applications for early admission

Senior year:

FALL

- Take or re-take SAT/ACT
- Submit college applications for regular admission
- Make sure colleges received your application

WINTER

- Receive acceptance letters
- File your income taxes
- Fill-out FAFSA forms and/or CSS Profile
- Research and submit scholarships

SPRING

- Make your decision where to go to college
- Consider work-study to pay for college
- Pay college enrollment deposit for next fall

- Take AP and IB exams

SUMMER

- Attend academic orientation
- Complete work-study search
- Work, work, work
- Relax... and prepare for college/career

