

## Must-Have Accounts

Every high school student should create student user accounts with the following websites:

- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Navigate the college process, register for the SAT, get AP scores, manage your college lists, complete CSS Profile and much more with a College Board account.

- [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

Preparing to take the PSAT and SAT? Create a user account with Khan Academy and practice now. This account is free for anyone, anywhere.

- <http://www.parchment.com>

Collect and manage your transcripts in a central online profile where you can send and share them with colleges and universities anytime.

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

To receive Federal financial aid, student and parent must create a FSA ID. Its free and secure. Sign-up and then complete the FAFSA.

- [www.michigan.gov/studentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid)

Sign-up for the MiSSG Student Portal. Access college financial aid records, applications and receive information and updates.

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Need some extra money for college? Register with FastWeb to learn about scholarships that are right for you. Easy money.

## Other Resources

- [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)

Get advice about going to college from people who know all about it!

- <https://public.careercruising.com/en/>

Build a plan that connects schoolwork to real life.

- <http://mel.org>

Locate the best pre-planning college guides, practice exams and scholarships here.

- <http://capitalareacan.org/financial-aid-and-scholarships>

This scholarship list includes 200 scholarships from local, state and national organizations.



## Promoting college and career readiness and access in the Capital Area



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## 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.

## College Advisers

CapCAN supports a network of seven college advisers in nine schools in Ingham County. The goal of the College Adviser is to help students navigate the complex college and career exploration process. College advisers are placed in the following high schools:

- Wilson Talent Center
- Holt High School
- Lansing Eastern High School
- Lansing Everett High School
- Lansing J.W. Sexton High School
- Lansing Woodcreek Achievement Center
- Stockbridge High School
- Waverly High School
- Webberville High School



\* If you don't have a college adviser placed in your high school, speak to your school's guidance counselor.

## 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 or 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
- If applicable, request IEP accommodations

### 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

- Sign-up for Khan Academy SAT Prep
- 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
- Take the Matchmaker career skills assessment on Career Cruising

## 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
- Request special needs accommodations for testing

### 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
- Update Career Cruising EDP
- Practice for SAT
- Volunteer in the community

## 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 Advisor

### SPRING

- Visit colleges and universities
- Take SAT/ACT
- Enroll in AP and IB courses
- Take AP and IB exams

### SUMMER

- Visit colleges and universities
- Research scholarships
- Create your resume
- Apply for application fee waivers
- Fill-out college applications
- Submit college applications for early admission
- Sign-up for Parchment to submit transcripts

## Senior year:

### FALL

- Take or re-take SAT/ACT
- Verify and submit college applications for regular admission
- Fill-out FAFSA forms and/or CSS Profile on College Board
- Make sure colleges received your application

### WINTER

- Receive acceptance letters
- File your income taxes
- Research and submit scholarships
- If applicable, transitional IEP completed

### 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
- Sign-up for classes
- Activate and check your college email