

## Vacation and Prepare

The last month of this school year has arrived and many are looking forward to summer “vacation”. And remember, summer “vacation” doesn’t start until the end of this month, so finish strong! While a vacation is taking a break from or some time away from something, I would encourage students to enjoy a vacation, but also prepare for the next year. Here are some suggestions for how students can prepare for next year:

### **Graduating seniors:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Get organized to be ready to start college or your continuing education in August, if that is the path you have chosen.
- Create and/or update your resume if you have not already done so.
- Scout out jobs and opportunities that you would enjoy and be successful at doing?
- Utilize your contacts and resources to identify and obtain a good job or opportunity.
- Prepare to give your best to your continued education, work, or both.
- Plan on how to balance life with your new responsibilities.
- Set goals for the next year and think about how you will reach them.

### **Juniors/Next year’s seniors:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Double check to see if there are any summer courses you may need to take to graduate on time.
- Research colleges/universities/training programs that you are interested in and plan a visit if possible (or do a virtual visit)
- Contact admissions department of colleges and programs you are interested in, make a connection, and request more information.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- Set goals for the next year and think about how you will reach them.

### **Sophomores/Next year's juniors:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Research colleges/universities/training programs that you are interested in and plan a visit if possible (or do a virtual visit)
- Contact admissions department of colleges and programs you are interested in, make a connection, and request more information.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- Set goals for the next year and think about how you will reach them.

### **Freshman/Next year's sophomore's:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Research colleges/universities/training programs that you are interested in and plan a visit if possible (or do a virtual visit)
- Contact admissions department of colleges and programs you are interested in, make a connection, and request more information.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- Set goals for the next year and think about how you will reach them.
- Review school pathways and decide if you would like to pursue one of the pathways.

### **8<sup>th</sup> graders/Next year's Freshman:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- Set goals for the next year and think about how you will reach them.
- Review school pathways and decide if you would like to pursue one of the pathways.
- Review high school graduation requirements and commit to meeting them.
- READ!

**7<sup>th</sup> graders/Next year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Think about and research some things you would like to study and/or do when you graduate high school.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- READ!

**6<sup>th</sup> graders/Next year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders:**

- Spend time helping others and/or your community.
- Think about and research some things you would like to study and/or do when you graduate high school.
- Think about the areas you will struggle next year by taking a several week break from them (e.g., English, math, science, etc.) and make a plan to spend some time in the summer brushing up in those areas to not start too far behind next school year.
- READ!

And, of course, have fun, relax, and recharge.

**Here are some resources that might help you research, find information, and things to work on:**

[Nampa Public Library – Welcome to the Nampa Public Library Website! \(nampalibrary.org\)](http://nampalibrary.org)

[Next Steps Idaho](#)

[Home – BigFuture | College Board](#)

[College Search - BigFuture | College Board](#)

[Career Search - BigFuture | College Board](#)

[ACT WorkKeys - National Career Readiness Certificate](#)



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