

The most wonderful time of the year

After nine long months of homework and studying, the time has finally come — finals. And soon after, graduations and summer! May is a busy month, but also an important one. Finish strong by studying for finals, applying for summer jobs or internships and making some fun summer goals. You're almost there!

Remember Me

SAT Registration

May 5

ACT Registration

May 6

SAT Test Date

May 7

SAT Test Date

June 4

Class of 2016!

June is the last month 2016 graduates can take the ACT or SAT in order to qualify for some scholarships, including Bright Flight, for the fall 2016 semester. Do your best by utilizing these [ACT test tips](#), and preparing with [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) prep resources.

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High School Students

- As the school year comes to a close, make a list of all the project deadlines and tests you still have to take. Carve out plenty of time to study for your finals and finish out the year strong.
- Job shadowing, getting a part-time job or attending certain summer camps can help you discover your interests. Make plans now to make the most of your summer.
- As you register for classes for next fall, keep the following [recommended courses](#) in mind.

English/ Language arts.....4 units	Health education.....0.5 unit
Social studies.....3 units	Personal finance.....0.5 unit
Mathematics.....4 units	*Electives.....7 units
Science.....3 units	*Two units of a single foreign language are strongly recommended for college-bound students.
Fine arts.....1 unit	
Physical education.....1 unit	

High School Seniors

- You're almost done! Be sure to make a list of all the things you need to complete before graduation. Don't forget to leave time to study for finals and plan your graduation party!
- Have you made a final [decision](#) on your future? Now is the time to let your college know! Don't forget to also inform the colleges you didn't choose that you won't be enrolling.
- Once you've officially decided and paid your tuition deposit, [here](#) are a few other things you should do as you move closer to college.
- Do you have a plan for summer employment? By [saving](#) a portion of your summer earnings, you could offset some of your college expenses. Create a [plan](#) for your school expenses and [make smart financial decisions](#) to stay on track.

FAFSA Updates!

If you filed your FAFSA using estimated tax information, be sure to log back on to [FAFSA.gov](#) to update your information as soon as possible.

College Students

- Take advantage of summer employment or internship opportunities to help with finances and get real-world experience.
- Keep track of your student loans at [NSLDS.ed.gov](#) and be sure to only borrow what you need. Remember, you can turn down all or part of a student loan offered to you. Visit your financial aid office for help. Know now what your [payments](#) could look like upon graduation.
- If you are a recipient of [Bright Flight](#) or the [A+ Scholarship](#), keep in mind that as a renewal student, a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.
- If you're graduating this semester and have student loans, look at your loan [repayment options](#) and don't forget to complete [exit counseling](#).

Parents

- With finals just around the corner, offer to help your kids study, prioritize end-of-the-year projects and prepare for tests.
- If you have a high school senior, check to make sure they've [finalized their plans](#) for after graduation. Ask them about their decision and help them make plans for summer orientations, school deposits, transportation, etc.
- Encourage your high school and college students to earn some cash this summer and to [save a portion](#) of their earnings for college-related expenses.