

Action Set 3

This set will assist you in applying what you learned from “Academics & AP’s”. These are all about challenge and habit. Your GPA is critical because it’s not a score you got from a one-off test. It represents how much you WORK and hustle over extended periods of time just like you will in college. You must re-evaluate and improve your habits consistently, at least every semester, because finding how you learn best is of utmost importance.

- Create your 4-year Course Plan for high school, one backup plan, and your schedule for next semester.
 - Check the pre-requirements, future availability, and timing fit for the course in your schedule. Talks to the teacher for the upcoming classes you’re excited about taking. Ask questions about the material, teaching style, etc., which the teacher will definitely remember giving you a good name early on.
 - As you create the schedule, **pick lots of challenging classes, especially AP’s**. It is always better for you to overestimate what you can handle and drop down in rigor than to waste time chilling in easier classes when you could be doing more.
- Purchase the best review books for the AP classes you will take this year.
 - If it’s summer or the following semester is approaching, buy the books for that semester also.
 - **Skim** these AP books as best as you can so you see all the material and what’s to come.
 - Explore some of the resources for your classes on the MSA Mentorship Resource Center.
- Determine what your bad study habits are and areas where you waste time that could be used for something productive. You have to make a concerted effort to change these; it does no good to just write them down.
 - *Example Bad Study Habit:* I rarely do my history homework, because I hate the class
 - *Example Plan for replacement:* I will do my history homework first so that I get it done and out of the way.
 - Bad Study Habit: _____
 - Plan for replacement _____
 - *Example Time-waster:* I always play doodle jump on the bus ride home from school
 - *Plan for replacement:* I will make my game plan for the rest of my day during the bus ride
 - Time-waster #1: _____
 - Plan for replacement: _____
 - Time-waster #2: _____
 - Plan for replacement: _____
- Access and bookmark in your browser at least one course page for an online course in a class you’re taking
 - For example, an OCW highlights for high school page on Calculus if you’re taking AP Calculus.
 - Another example: a Khan Academy video set on chemistry if you’re taking a chemistry class.
 - Go back to this page frequently to study from and watch the videos/read the resources.

SAT Homework

- Complete Practice Test #2. This should take no more than 4.5 hours and aim for one sitting if you can.
 - One practice test will be a regular entry in every Aset. You must complete all sections under the allotted time, **check your answers via the back of the book, and grade your SAT** (explained in the front).
 - Don’t sweat material review so much – just practice. Simply sitting down and completing practice test after practice test is the most assured way to see significant improvement.