HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU’RE GOOD TO GO?
HERE’S A TIMELINE OF BENCHMARKS YOU SHOULD BE MEETING THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL.

**Every year:**
- Earn at least two credits in each core subject area (English/language arts, math, science and social studies), with grades of at least 80 percent.
- Earn at least 11 total credits.
- Maintain at least a 92 percent attendance rate.

**Ninth grade:**
- Pass at least one Regents at a 65 or above, 75 or above for math or ELA.
- Understand graduation and college-readiness requirements.
- Develop a four-year plan to meet benchmarks for career and college readiness.
- Go on a college visit.
- Take a practice PSAT and discuss results with a teacher.
- Participate in a career-talk series or job-shadow experience.
- Learn about the various career and college pathways available.

**10th grade:**
- Pass two additional Regents at 65 or above, 75 for math or ELA.
- Complete the PSAT and discuss results with a teacher.
- Attend a college fair.
- Begin to develop a portfolio that includes academic achievements, a résumé, recommendation letters and certificates of participation or achievement.
- Complete an interest, skill and career assessment.
- Research potential colleges and career paths.

**11th grade:**
- Pass two additional Regents so that you’ve passed all five basic Regents by the end of junior year at 65 or above, 75 for math and ELA.
- Write and receive feedback on a personal statement in an ELA class.
- Take the PSAT again and the SAT.
- Attend a college finance and scholarship workshop, and complete a practice FAFSA (financial aid) worksheet.
- Participate in a summer activity aligned with career interests.
- Build a list of colleges and career training programs to apply to, and review it with a counselor.

**12th grade:**
- Pass the additional advanced Regents in math and science, as well as a foreign language Regents, OR complete a sequence of career-themed courses.
- Complete the financial aid form (FAFSA) by Feb. 28.
- Complete the online CUNY application by Dec. 25.
- Apply to at least six colleges, including a “safety,” a “probable” and a “dream” school.
- If eligible, take a College Now course or CTE course/course toward industry certification.
- Create a transition plan with a guidance counselor.

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