

# **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

FOR STUDENTS BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S. & ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS / NON-PERMANENT RESIDENTS



## SETUP AN APPT. WITH YOUR ADVISOR

Meet the people you can help with challenges and offer advice.

- Meet with your school's Wraparound Specialist. They can assist with any needs your family may have (legal, financial, medical, and more).
- Introduce yourself to your <u>College & Career Readiness advisors</u>. They will always listen and help you prepare for the goals you want to achieve after graduation.



### STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GRADES

The better grades you earn, the higher your GPA.

- Your GPA is a number that averages all your final semester grades. Your GPA determines your class rank at the end of your junior year.
- Having a high GPA & rank means you will have more summer program, scholarship, and college opportunities.



## **EXPLORE CAREERS**

Discover what career paths are of interest to you.

- Use Virtual Job Shadow to explore careers & salary information. Access it though The Hub's Digital Resources.
- Take a career assessment and ask your IGNITE / College Readiness advisor to help you understand your results.



#### GET INVOLVED + FIND OPPORTUNITIES

Some college & scholarship applications will ask for a resume or for a record of the activities you participate in.

- Join extracurriculars and/or sports teams while in high school.
- · Participate in community service projects and volunteer work.
- Apply for college/career enrichment programs with the help of your advisor.



#### FIND OUT YOUR FAMILY'S TAX-FILING STATUS

You qualify for financial aid! All families who earn income must file a Tax Return to submit the TASFA (state financial aid for non-U.S. Permanent Residents) and/or the <a href="CSS/Profile">CSS/Profile</a> (financial aid for private schools).

 Ask your parents/guardians if they file taxes. If they do not, let your advisor know. Your family can file taxes for FREE with BakerRipley, a community organization. If you have special circumstances, reach out to your advisor to discuss your options.