

CONSIDERING TAKING A GAP YEAR?

Things to Think About:

- **Do you have a plan?** If not, then you should. It provides you with structure and your parent/guardian with piece of mind. Stay organized and plan ahead.
- **Will you apply to college with the rest of your classmates?** You do not have to, but you should. It is much easier to go through the application process with the help of your high school. That way, you will not feel like you are missing out while classmates go through the process, especially since most colleges will let you defer acceptance for a year. However, this means you will graduate later than your friends.
- **What happens to scholarship money?** This depends on the school and organization. You could lose school aid and have to go through the eligibility process again the following year. Check with the school or organization you that awarded the scholarship.
- **You might learn some things about yourself.** Some students who take a gap year identify their desired major and career path, gain a better understanding of themselves and others, and increase overall satisfaction and well-being.