



College & Career

The Pathway to Your Future
Class of 2024

There are many pathways to success!

The College Pathway

2-year Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities

Technical or Vocational School

The Career Pathway

Military

Apprenticeship/Internships

Enter the workforce



Have a career in a field of your choice



Graduate high school

Career Pathway #1

Have a career in a field of your choice



Work hard, gain experience, make connections



Get a job or internship related to your career interests



Earn certifications in your field of interest



Graduate high school

Career Pathway #2

Transfer to 4-year school
and earn your Bachelor's
degree

Have a career in a
field of your choice

Work hard, gain
experience, make
connections

Earn your
Associate's degree

Take classes at a
community college

Graduate high school



Career Pathway #3

Have a career in a field of your choice

Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Earn money to pay for college

Join the military

Graduate high school



Career Pathway #4

Have a career in a field of your choice



Work hard, gain experience, make connections



Earn your Bachelor's degree



Graduate high school

OK, so you've got a plan...



Or maybe you don't.... That's okay.
You still have time to think about it.

Take time to explore your interests



INTERVIEW
PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
CAREERS



THINK ABOUT
WHAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY.
THAT THING
COULD BE A
CAREER PATH
FOR YOU



WATCH ROAD
TRIP NATION
VIDEOS IN
NAVIANCE

College: Finding the Right Fit

CONSIDER...

- 2 year, 4 year, or online schools
- Size
- Location
- Admissions selectivity
- Majors
- Costs
- Extracurriculars, Sports, Religious Affiliation, Campus Culture
- Special programs (research opportunities, internships, music, etc.)



Benefits of Choosing the College Pathway

1 | Career Opportunities

- Increased earning potential
- Increased chance of being hired
- Preparation for a specialized career
- Networking opportunities
- Access to internships, apprenticeships, teaching assistantships, etc.

2 | Personal Growth

- Access to extracurricular activities & organizations
- Exposure to new ideas and possible interests
- Flexibility to take classes outside your major
- Meeting people from diverse backgrounds

3 | “Soft Skills”

- Critical thinking
- Digital fluency
- Teamwork
- Information literacy
- Communication
- Leadership
- Time management
- Resilience
- Growth mindset

Steps of the College Application Process

1 | Application Process

Spring of 11th grade - Fall/Winter of 12th grade

- Application
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- SSL/Extracurriculars
- SAT and ACT (if applicable)
- Resume
- Deadlines (Fall 2023)

2 | Financial Aid

FAFSA Opens 10/1/2023

- Create a student and parent FSAID
- Complete FAFSA application

Completing the FAFSA opens up access to countless scholarships and grants

3 | Making the Final Decision

Spring of 12th grade

Make your final decision by May 1st by comparing your financial aid award letters. Determine how much is being asked of your family and how much you can afford.

Remember, choosing a college is a business decision!

Benefits of Choosing the Career Pathway

1 | Military

- On the job training
- Housing and Medical Benefits
- 8 branches to choose from
- Educational benefits
- Leadership training
- Opportunity to travel

2 | Apprenticeship

- Enter the workforce while still in high school
- Earn a salary
- Gain marketable industry skills
- Receive a State Skilled Certificate after meeting state requirements

3 | Entering the Workforce

- Understanding Career Clusters
- Choose from various career fields
- Become an entrepreneur
- Build on skills you already have

Steps to Joining the Workforce

1 | Job Search

- Websites (Indeed, Idealist, Monster, ZipRecruiter, etc.)
- Networking (in person and online)
- Job fairs
- Social media
- Temping/interning
- “Cold calling”

2 | Application

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References (around 2-4)
- Applications are usually online
- Websites like Indeed allow you to apply to multiple jobs in seconds

3 | Interview

- In-person or virtual? Group or individual? Committee or one-on-one?
- Sometimes more than one interview will be required
- Do your research!
- Prepare some questions
- Remember that you are interviewing them too (to see if they are the right fit)

Know your Resources!

[Naviance](#)

Single sign-on for students
Email CCIC for Parent access

Essay Prompts for 22-23

[Common app](#)

[Coalition app](#)

[Preparing for College Guide and Workbook](#)

[College and Career In The News](#)

[Apprenticeship Opportunities](#) [Military of Today](#)

[MCPS Youth
Apprenticeship Program](#)

Search for a [Trade School](#)

26 [Review Factors](#) for UMD

[Join the Military](#)

[Gap Year Planning](#)

[College Admissions
Resource Handbook](#)

Naviance: A comprehensive online K-12 college and career readiness tool

Testing schedule

English Go

Many Juniors stop by and ask when should I take my first official SAT or ACT. I like to recommend students take the March SAT or the February ACT after they have taken the PSAT in the fall. This allows students plenty of time to see how they scored, determine if they need to take a prep class, then take another official exam by the end of the year. Getting your testing done by the end of your Junior year will enable you to focus on your college applications in the fall. Several Seniors have stopped by my office and shared they wished they had completed their testing in their Junior year!

Read more


Emails and up to date information from our College and Career Coordinator

Tasks assigned by the county


Important To-Dos and Tasks

 TASK Create 1 Post-Secondary Goal
DUE Friday Jun 30, 2023
Assigned by Student Services

My Favorites

 COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

 COLLEGES
I'm applying to


 COURSES
I'm thinking about

 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

 SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY
Favorite Scholarships

Resources to help you explore and keep track of your future interests

What's New

 Worcester Polytechnic Institute will be visiting your school on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 8:35 am [more info](#)

 Johns Hopkins University will be visiting your school on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 10:25 am [more info](#)


Updates on college visits, scholarship deadlines, etc

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Self-Discovery


AchieveWorks Intelligences®
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Intelligence comes in many forms. **AchieveWorks Intelligences®** helps you uncover your different intelligences and how to leverage them.

START ASSESSMENT


AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity®
Formerly Learning Styles Inventory



Discover your sensory, environmental and mindset preferences to help develop and adjust your study practices.

START ASSESSMENT


AchieveWorks Personality®
Formerly Do What You Are



AchieveWorks Personality® helps you identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life.

START ASSESSMENT

AchieveWorks Skills®



AchieveWorks Skills® helps you identify and develop your skills and connects your skills to careers that might interest you.

START ASSESSMENT

Career Cluster Finder

Top Clusters

- Government and Public Administration
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services

RETAKE VIEW RESULTS


Career Interest Profiler

Holland Traits

- Conventional
- Artistic
- Social

RETAKE VIEW RESULTS

Strengths Explorer®



Strengths Explorer® helps you identify your key strengths that you can use as you proceed on your college, career and life readiness journey.

START ASSESSMENT

Lots of assessments to figure out what you like and what you are good at.

Naviance: Colleges I am Thinking About

NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

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MY COLLEGES

- Upcoming college events
- Colleges match
- Colleges Visits
- Colleges I'm thinking about**
- Colleges I'm applying to

COLLEGE RESEARCH

- Scattergrams
- College resources
- Acceptance history

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST REMOVE + = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown University		Student	N/A	Deadlines ▼	N/A ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> * Yale University		Student	N/A	Deadlines ▼	N/A ▼

More options: MORE

See how you compare to psat applicants

Check out schools that are visiting RM

Keep track of schools you are interested in by adding them to this list

Search for colleges

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Naviance Career Homepage

Quick Links

EXPLORE CAREERS

WHAT ARE MY INTERESTS?

Career interest profiler

Explore
your
interests

My Favorite Careers and Clusters

Show Types

All Types

CLUSTER

Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications

♥ Favorite

CLUSTER

Education and Training

♥ Favorite

CAREER

Epidemiologists

INVESTIGATIVE SOCIAL REALISTIC

♥ Favorite

CLUSTER

Hospitality and Tourism

♥ Favorite

Turn your
strengths into
careers!

Suggested Clusters and Pathways

PATHWAY

Counseling and Mental Health Services

♥ HUMAN SERVICES

♡ Favorite

PATHWAY

Science and Mathematics

🔧 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHE...

♡ Favorite

Future Events

Junior Parent Evening Presentation:
December 8th, 2022

PSAT Day: October 12, 2022

SAT Day: March 22, 2023

One-on-one student meetings in the spring to discuss the college application process

Ongoing [college rep visits at RM](#)

