Cambridge Jr./Sr. High School

Postsecondary and Career Expectations

Each student should have an individualized learning plan to help make decisions about career and post-secondary (PS) education or training, to plan a course of study, and to make financial aid assessments with family members.



By the end of 8th grade

Students should be supported to:

- Complete a career cluster survey
- Complete IAR testing
- Complete STAR testing
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA
- Attend a career exploration day
- Complete a course including financial literacy
- Attend a trade career exploration day
- Explore extracurricular options for high school
- Know the relationship between high school coursework, attendance, and grades to postsecondary plans
- Select high school courses based on postsecondary goals
- Practice Self Advocacy and express what you need to succeed
- Explore skills related to careers that interest you
- Explore career matches with your interests
- Identify resources available during the transition to high school
- Compete a thank you card

Career Exploration and Development Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection

By the end of 9th grade

Students should be supported to:

- Complete the PSAT 9
- Complete STAR testing
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA
- Attend a career exploration day
- Become familiar with College and Career Pathway Endorsement offered in the district
- Know the relationship between community service/extracurricular activities, and postsecondary goals
- Know the benefit of early college credit opportunities to postsecondary access and completion
- Meet with a counselor to discuss ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators
- Complete a career research unit
- Select courses based on postsecondary goals
- Identify study skills ad habits needed to be successful in school
- Explore ways to gain work-related experience
- Explore factors that may affect career choices
- Match careers with personality styles

By the end of 10th grade

Students should be supported to:

- Complete the PSAT 10
- Complete STAR testing
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA
- Complete a college application for dual credit opportunities
- Determine readiness and eligibility for Dual Credit Coursework with testing scores and GPA
- Identify a career of interest
- Participate in a mock interview
- Select courses based on postsecondary goals
- Know the benefit of early college opportunities to postsecondary access and completion
- Set lifestyle goals and explore careers to achieve them through budgeting
- Explore values in relation to school and community activities that may affect career choices
- Research workplace skills and attitudes that employers value by identifying soft skills used in the workplace
- Consider which education or training is best for you based on career or academic goals

By the end of 11th grade

Students should be supported to: - Complete the PSAT/NMSQT

- Complete the SAT
- Complete STAR testing
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA
- Complete at least one career visit
- Create a resume and cover letter
- Create a personal statement
- Select courses based on postsecondary goals
- Enroll in Dual Credit Courses
- Visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests for job shadow
- Connect with a member of the CHS Alumni database within a career goal field
- Attend a college orientation day
- Reflect on a healthy balance between work and home
- Explore how a career pathway may fit into your future
- Research factors that influence job market trends
- Explore potential risks and rewards of entrepreneurship

By the end of 12th grade

Students should be supported to:

- Complete the ASVAB career exploration exam
- Complete a course that includes financial literacy
- Attend a FAFSA completion workshop
- Complete the FAFSA
- Complete at least one application for a career program
- Attend a career fair
- Achieve 95% attendance
- Update resume, cover letter, and personal statement
- Complete at least one scholarship application
- Gather 3 letters of recommendation for applications
- Complete 2 Team Based Challenges if pursing a College and Career Pathway Endorsement
- Attain a minimum of one industry credential
- Know how Transitional Math and Transitional English transfer to postsecondary education programs
- Know how dual credit courses transfer to postsecondary education programs
 Explore why and how people choose
- to make career changes
 Identify a potential backup career
- related to your dream career
- Indentify tips that will help you prepare for a job interview
- Define success and how you want to achieve it