



Post-Secondary and Career Expectations (PaCE)

Each student should have a 4-year 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.



Access [MaiaLearning](#)

By the end of 9th grade

- Attend post-secondary options sessions with your school counselor and complete [MaiaLearning](#) activities “All About High School” and “Goal Setting” and “Career Discovery”
- Complete the Interest Profiler in [MaiaLearning](#), review results and ♥ at least 2 careers to your list
- Determine a career pathway/ cluster of interest and identify coursework to further exploration.
- Develop a personal 4-year Academic Plan related to your career interests and begin to plan for pathway elective coursework.
- Investigate early college credit courses offered in high school such as dual credit and Advanced Placement
- Engage in community service opportunities aligned to your post-secondary career interests
- Explore post-secondary financial aid opportunities including Harper Promise Scholarship, National Scholarships, career earning potential.

By the end of 10th grade

- Attend post-secondary options sessions with your school counselor and complete [MaiaLearning](#) activities – “Creating Your Career Plan” “Skills for future Work” explore “Types of Postsecondary Education” and “Build Your Resume”
- Complete [MaiaLearning](#) character surveys - revisit Interest Profiler and Complete Personality Assessment
- Update 4-year Academic Plan related to your career interests – request courses aligned to your career pathway.
- Enroll in early college credit courses offered in high school such as dual credit and Advanced Placement
- Register for Career Exploration experiences including guest speakers, career site visits, career fairs

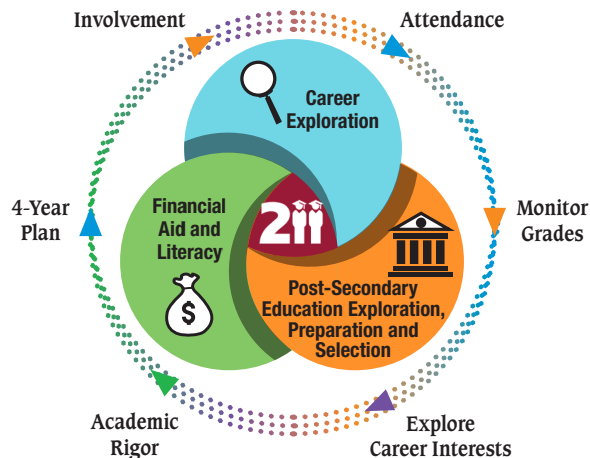
By the end of 11th grade

- Attend post-secondary options sessions with your school counselor and complete [MaiaLearning](#) activities - “Choosing your Postsecondary Institution and Understanding the Process” “Creating a plan for financial and lifestyle vision” “What you should know about FAFSA”
- Meet with College Representatives at your high school.
- Attend College Planning Night – for Juniors
- Prepare for standardized tests - including SAT/NMSQT - October and SAT – April and ACT.
- Determine readiness for college-level coursework in math and English Language Arts.
- Meet with Career Advisors – mock interviews, resume building, career exploration experiences.
- Visit post-secondary institutions and add colleges to your “Considering” list in [MaiaLearning](#)

By the end of 12th grade

- Attend post-secondary options sessions with your school counselor and complete [MaiaLearning](#) activities - “Postsecondary Application Process”, “Understanding the FAFSA” and “Building Your Resume”
- Attend College Application Process sessions.
- Attend a Financial Aid Night and FAFSA Completion Workshop
- Complete the FAFSA
- Investigate and apply for scholarships
- Review math and English Language Arts enrollment based on college-ready placement requirements.
- Determine how high school early college coursework (dual credit and/or AP) is articulated to post-secondary institution.
- Complete senior exit survey

COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS – EXPLORATION – EXPERIENCES



- Get involved in at least 2 extracurricular activities and athletics
- Connect and build relationships with trusted adults
- Create & maintain 4-year academic plan
- Participate in Community Service
- Seek out Career Exploration experiences including attend guest speaker sessions, register for career site visits, attend career fairs

- Investigate College Credit Coursework
- SAT Preparation
- Build and maintain your resume
- Obtain employment and/or internship opportunities.

Attend College Exploration Events:

- D211 College Night
- First Generation College Workshop
- Directions College & Career Fair – *Special Education Event*
- The Future Begins Today – *Special Education Resource Night*
- College Planning & Application Sessions
- Financial Aid Night and Completion Workshops

Explore all Four Years