West Aurora High School

Students should know and be supported to:

College and Career Readiness

By the end of 12th grade

			By the end of 11th Grade	Discuss and evaluate Secondary plans and procedures related to individual options
		By the end of 10th grade	Refine potential career list	Explore scholarship opportunities and resources
	By the end of 9th grade	Understand dual credit and/or AP courses and their relationship to College Credit	Develop realistic post-secondary goal(s) and plan	Finalize college major based on career exploration
By the end of 8th Grade	Understand the HS credit system and GPA calculation	Identify electives offered and how they relate to personal career pathways	Understand "College" tab and related Naviance features	Apply to college and adhere to application deadlines
Understand the concept of career clusters for further exploration	Identify and utilize support systems and resources	Interpret and analyze personality assessment results in connection to career interests	Evaluate personal stage of exploration and preparation	Complete FASFA and understand availible resources
Complete a career cluster survey	Identify athletics and activities offered	Identify educational requirements for different careers	Understand entrance requirements and the admission process	Understand transcript request procedure
Take PSAT 8/9	Understand electives offered as it relates to career pathways	Explore post-secondary options and definitions	Understand deadlines for post- secondary options	Address remedial concerns including retaking college entrance exam
	Identify distinctions between career "clusters," pathways and occupations/careers	Compare current cumulative GPA, academic, and career indicators to ISBE College and Career Readiness Framework	Develop realistic post-secondary goal(s) and plan	
	Understand post-secondary options	Determine two career (clusters) of interest	Update College list on Naviance	
	Understand the purpose of college entrance exams and test strategies	Understand the purpose of college and military qualifying exams	Understand specific requirements for career choice	
	Take PSAT 8/9	Attend a financial aid overview presentation	Compare current cumulative GPA, academic, and career indicators to ISBE College and Career Readiness Framework	
		Utilize testing strategies and resources, such as Khan Academy and College Board	Build a Resume (Student Exit Portfolio)	
		Take PSAT 10	Understand value of community service and co-curricular participation	
			Take an official college entrance exam (School Day SAT)	