Mundelein 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

- Understand that taking the right courses in high school can reduce the cost of college
- Learn about financial wellness
- Know how salary impacts standard of living
- Complete a career cluster survey
- Complete an orientation to career clusters*
- Know the concept of career clusters of interest
- Participate in an opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Understand that taking the right courses in high school can reduce the cost of college
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA*

*Benchmark supports CCRI but does not meet all of the requirements
**Benchmark meets the requirements of the CCRI

By the end of 9th grade

- Know how to find scholarship opportunities
- Know general cost ranges of various postsecondary institutions
- Understand that taking the right courses in high school can reduce the cost of college
- Revisit career cluster interests
- Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest**
- Attend a career exploration day
- Be aware of youth employment opportunities while in high school
- Learn about employer expectations and employability skills
- Participate in an opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Know relationship between community service/extracurricular activities and postsecondary/career goals
- Identity 2-3 adults to support the students through the postsecondary and career selection process
- Outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to postsecondary plans*
- Begin determining eligibility for advanced placement (AP) courses*
- Know entrance requirements for expected postsecondary programs of study
- Know the relationship between high

By the end of 10th grade

- Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course of workshop
- Understand the various aspects of personal banking
- Understand how to be a responsible borrower
- Know estimated cost of each postsecondary option
- Know the affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt
- Visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests*
- Know educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint, salary in selected career clusters
- Revisit career cluster interest survey and take a career interest survey*
- Complete an elective course to explore career interests
- Identify two related postsecondary paths and/or college majors strongly correlated with career cluster survey results
- Participate in an opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Attend a postsecondary options workshop
- Determine readiness for college-level coursework in math/ELA and enrollment in either "catch up" or "speed up" course**

By the end of 11th grade

- Create a plan to pay for college using financial resources
- Understand timeline for financial aid process
- Know the difference between need-based, merit-based, and self-help financial aid
- Revisit career cluster interests
- Create a resume and personal statement
- Participate in mock job interview
- Interview a professional who is working in desired field
- Compare and contrast personal strengths and weaknesses with career choice
- Participate in an opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Know 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study
- Meet with a college admissions representative
- Connect to a mentor to support the student through the postsecondary and career selection process in their chosen path
- Address any remedial needs in math/ELA*

By the end of 12th grade

- By 12/31 Attend a financial aid application completion workshop
- By 12/31 Complete the FAFSA (or other financial aid application)
- Attend a financial aid offer workshop
- Know financial aid deadlines for chosen postsecondary options
- Understand the student loan process and available loan options
- Complete a thorough scholarship search and application process
- Know the terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan
- Revisit career cluster interests
- Participate in a job shadowing opportunity
- Utilize virtual platforms for professional networking
- Understand the job application process for desired fields
- Participate in an opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- By 12/31 Meet with a school counselor to ensure that all steps in the postsecondary admissions process are completed on time
- By 12/31 Complete 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions
- Understand the college placement process
- Secure letters of recommendations

- Career Exploration and Development
- Financial Aid and Literacy
- Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection