

Ram Ready College & Career Readiness Program

Freshman Focus: Self-Exploration

- High School Transition
 - Identify SSD team members and know how to connect with them
 - Know what extracurricular opportunities are available at Reavis and how to connect with coaches and sponsors
 - Learn what support services and resources are available at Reavis and how to access them
 - Set and track a SMART goal
- Academic Success
 - Learn how to access grades and related information in PowerSchool and Google
 - Understand how to earn credits and fulfill graduation requirements
 - Calculate GPA and understand the correlation to postsecondary opportunities
 - Understand the role of final exams and impact on semester grades
 - Complete a learning styles assessment and utilize suggested strategies to improve academic performance
 - Select appropriate courses for sophomore year, considering rigor, prerequisites and course recommendations
- Postsecondary Exploration and Planning
 - Create a four-year plan that considers graduation and postsecondary admission requirements
 - Identify elective courses that align with postsecondary plans and interests
 - Identify AP, dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities available at Reavis
 - Identify and understand different types of postsecondary credentials, including degrees, certificates and training programs
 - Access and utilize online resources to assist in postsecondary planning

Sophomore Focus: Career Exploration

- Career Exploration
 - Explore career clusters and identify at least two of interest
 - Create and format a resume
 - Identify and engage in at least one career development experience related to career interest
- Financial Literacy
 - Understand the costs associated with postsecondary education
 - Understand the financial implications of career choice, such as cost of attendance, starting salary and student loans
- Academic Planning
 - Set/update and track a SMART goal
 - Update four-year plan to reflect postsecondary goals and interests
 - Identify elective courses that align with postsecondary plans
 - Refresh awareness of AP, dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities available at Reavis
 - Select appropriate courses for junior year, with consideration of rigor, prerequisites and course recommendations

Junior Focus: Post-High School Planning

- Postsecondary Planning
 - Identify college characteristics and personal factors to assess academic, social and financial fit
 - Attend at least one postsecondary exploration event, such as a college fair or college visit at Reavis
 - Visit at least two postsecondary institutions
 - Understand how to define a reach, match and safety school, and add a minimum of three schools to college list
 - Have a general understanding of the college application process
 - Identify college majors of interest and understand how they align with various careers
 - Understand placement testing and remedial course placement at Moraine Valley
 - Understand the process of transferring from a community college to a four-year university
- Standardized Testing
 - Prepare for SAT State Test via Khan Academy and SAT Homeroom Program
 - Take at least one college entrance exam (State SAT)
 - Understand how test scores and test-optional policies impact college admissions
- Financial Literacy
 - Have a general understanding of the FAFSA completion process
 - Discuss college affordability plan with parents/guardians
 - Understand how to research and apply for scholarships
- Academic Planning
 - Update four-year plan to reflect postsecondary goals and interests

Senior Focus: Decision Making

- College Applications
 - Complete at least one application to a postsecondary institution
 - Understand the purpose of a high school transcript and how to complete a transcript request
- Financial Literacy
 - Complete the FAFSA, Rise Application or opt-out form
 - Analyze and compare financial aid award letters
 - Research and apply for scholarships
 - Understand the financial aid verification process and submit necessary documentation
- Postsecondary Planning
 - Finalize your postsecondary plan
 - Complete senior exit survey