



University High School

Postsecondary and Career Expectations

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

By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a career cluster survey • Attend a career exploration day, activity, or presentation • Complete a career interest survey • Determine readiness for college-level coursework in math/ELA and enrollment in either "catch up" or "speed up" course • Connect and build relationships with 2-3 adults to support the postsecondary and career selection process 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that taking the right courses in high school can reduce the cost of college • Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest • Revisit the career interest survey • Enroll as appropriate in early college credit courses 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the opportunity costs of postsecondary choices • Complete a Postsecondary Plan Workshop • Identify two related postsecondary paths and/or college majors strongly correlated with career area of interest • Identify an internship opportunity related to career area of interest • Revisit the career interest survey • Postsecondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection • Attend a postsecondary options workshop 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a financial aid application completion workshop • Completed a financial aid application • Learn about financial wellness • Research internships/apprenticeships that offer scholarships or opportunities to earn money • Understand the student loan process and available loan options • Complete a thorough scholarship search and application process • Attend a basic financial aid presentation with a trusted adult • Understand the timeline of the financial aid process • Create a plan to pay for college using available financial resources • Understand W-4s, pay stubs, and income taxes • Complete an elective course to explore career interests • Participate in mock job interview • Participate in a job shadowing opportunity • Create a resume and personal statement • Revisit the career interest survey • If applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the career pathway • Ensure all steps in the postsecondary admissions process are completed on time • Completed 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions • Connect with a mentor • Secure letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications • Meet with a college admissions representative • Compare campus life opportunities • Visit at least 3 postsecondary institutions • Complete a college fit/match inventory





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By the end of 9th grade

A student should know:

- Know the relationship between coursework, attendance, and grades to postsecondary plans
- Know importance of community service and extracurricular activities

By the end of 10th grade

A student should know:

- Know general cost ranges of various postsecondary options
- Know how career pathway courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at postsecondary options
- Know one or two career clusters for further exploration
- Know benefit of early college credit opportunities to postsecondary access and completion

By the end of 11th grade

A student should know:

- Know the general timing of postsecondary entrance exams and applications
- Know the different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions
- Know entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected postsecondary programs of study

By the end of 12th grade

A student should know:

- Know educational requirements, cost, expected entry level/midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway
- Know application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for career pathway
- If applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the career pathway
- Know skills related to career interests
- Know the difference between need-based, merit-based, and self-help student financial aid
- Know how to find scholarship opportunities
- Know the terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan
- Know estimated cost of each postsecondary options
- Know how salary impacts standard of living
- Know financial aid deadlines for chosen postsecondary options
- Know 3-5 match school, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study

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