

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Connecting Careers, Curriculum and Character Education



WHAT ARE CAREER PATHWAYS?

- Each Pathway is a broad grouping of careers that share similar characteristics and whose employment requirements call for many common interests, strengths and competencies. A chosen Pathway focuses a student's elective courses and offers Post-Secondary Preparation for All.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE A CAREER PATHWAY?

- To help focus on a career area that matches interests in high school
- To help set goals and discover classes necessary to achieve those goals
- To create career awareness and encourage planning for post-secondary education and opportunities
- To provide knowledge that relates your high school education to the world after graduation

HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER PATHWAY?

- You will research various career fields in 8th grade and designated career development activities such as Futures I in 9th grade.
- Your counselors, parents, and teachers can assist you with this choice.
- You can complete the self-assessment in the Career Planning Guide.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGE IN MY MAJOR ACADEMIC STUDIES?

- No, you will still take all required core courses at AP, Honors, and Academic levels. You will still follow the graduation requirements listed.

Why should I have an Academic Plan?

This booklet has been developed to guide you for your future career planning and course selection.

Choosing your future is one of the most exciting and challenging decisions you will make. You have the **opportunity** to choose your future, not leave it to chance or luck. Planning for your future will give you a better chance for reaching that goal.

YOUR FUTURE IS YOUR CHOICE!

Everyone enters the work force at some point. To plan your career, you need to plan your high school academic program. The courses you take and your experiences and accomplishments in high school can lead you to your chosen career path. However, not having an academic plan and not making preparations along the way can slow you down in your career preparation.

Career implies more than just a job – it includes education, work and lifestyle. Achieving success and a satisfying career takes planning, studying, training and vision. Your choice of courses now allows you to smoothly and successfully move on to your career plan later.

For a better future, begin now to:

- **explore different possibilities through shadowing, internships, and dual enrollment**
- **determine your pathway**
- **choose courses which follow your pathway**
- **learn what the work force needs and expects of its employees**

To help with this planning, talk to your parents, your teachers, and contact your guidance counselor.

This Career Planning Guide:

- **helps you to focus interests and abilities**
- **identifies occupations which are part of your pathway**
- **recommends foundation and elective courses which lead to specific career pathways**

Use this booklet to aid you in charting your career pathway. You may change your focus during your high school program, but having a goal will help you to select the best foundation courses. These will lead all students toward a solid academic background.

THE 5 PATHWAY OPTIONS

ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

This Pathway is designed to cultivate students' interests, skills, and experiences for employment in careers related to arts and communication.

BUSINESS, FINANCE, MARKETING, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This Pathway is designed to cultivate students' interests, skills, and experiences for employment in the world of business, finance, marketing, and information services.

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

This Pathway is designed to cultivate students' interests, awareness and application to areas related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install, or maintain physical systems.

HUMAN SERVICES

This Pathway is designed to cultivate students' interests, skills and experience for employment in careers related to family and human needs.

AGRI-SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND HEALTH

This Pathway is designed to cultivate students' interests in the agricultural, environmental, life, medical, physical and behavioral sciences.