



JUNIOR YEAR

PREPARING FOR WHAT COMES NEXT



PLANNING FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

- CHOOSING YOUR CAREER
- CHOOSING YOUR POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY
- CHOOSING YOUR FINANCE OPTIONS
- CHOOSING YOUR PATHWAY TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL

CHOOSING YOUR CAREER

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

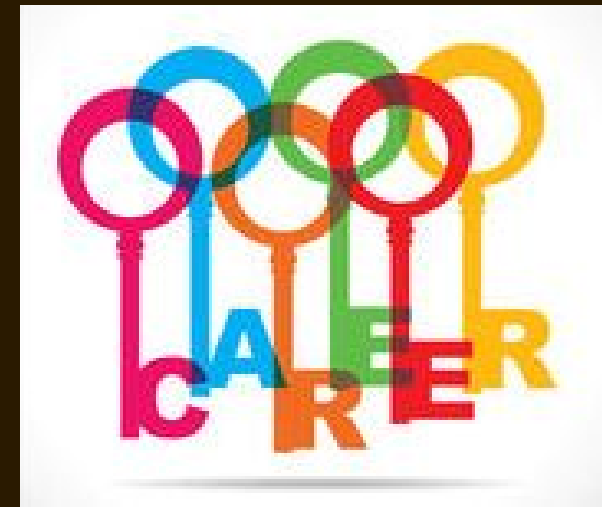
- What are your interests, strengths, and challenges?
- What type of environment would you like to work in?
- What lifestyle would you like to have?
- What is the projected job market for jobs that fit your interests?

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - www.bls.gov
- Missouri Connections
 - www.missouriconnections.org

- Information about:
 - Salaries
 - Projected growth or decline in specific career pathways
- Students tab:
 - Career exploration
 - Information about economic growth by profession
 - Video tours of different occupations
 - FAQ

WWW.BLS.GOV



POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Job force
- Military
- Apprenticeship
- Technical school
- Associate degrees (2-year program at a community college)
- Bachelor's Degrees (4-year program at a college/ university)

AFTER A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- Graduate Certificates
- Master's Degree
- Professional Degrees
- Doctoral Degrees

**IF THE PLAN
DOESN'T WORK,
CHANGE
THE PLAN,
BUT NEVER
THE GOAL.**



WWW.MISSOURICONNECTIONS.ORG

Information about:

- ❖ Colleges across the US
- ❖ Career Prospects in MO
- ❖ Salaries in MO

Resources:

- ❖ Interest Inventory
- ❖ College search
- ❖ Career search
- ❖ Reality check

Save your results in your portfolio



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A POST-SECONDARY PATH

- Career pathway requirements
 - Does your chosen career require a specific pathway, such as certifications, degrees, or training?
 - Are there recommended pathways that others in your career have followed?
- Financial concerns
 - What is your budget?
 - What is your earning potential?
- Graduation requirements
 - Are you on track for graduation?



TAKING THE NEXT STEPS...

- Narrow college choices to 3-5 schools
 - Top choice = dream school
 - Bottom choice = practical, affordable, acceptable
- Gather information
 - Visits college websites
 - Attend college fairs
 - Meet with college representatives during ANP
 - Take a tour of the college
 - Consider attending a summer camp at your college
- Athletes
 - Register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org during your Junior year



COLLEGE VISITS & COLLEGE FAIRS

College Visits

- Take a day to visit potential colleges, meet with admission representatives, see a class, tour the campus, etc.
- If you are going to miss a day of school
 - Pick up a “College Visit Form” from the Guidance Office
 - Follow the steps on the form to be sure your absence is marked as a college visit

College Fairs

- www.strivefair.com
- Enter your information and the system will generate a barcode for you
- Colleges can scan your barcode to contact you later

Upcoming Events:

- National College Fair – SLU
 - Oct. 22 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Steps to College – OHS Library
 - Feb. 7 @ 6:30 pm

TIMELINE...

JUNIOR YEAR

- Focus on academics
- Career/college exploration
 - Find 2-3 options
- Extracurricular involvement
- Scholarships applications
- A+ program
- College visits – Summer 2018
- Summer Camps at Colleges
- Testing – ACT/SAT/ASVAB

SENIOR YEAR

- Focus on academics
 - AP/CAPS/Tech/MyPath
 - Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit
- College applications – Fall 2018
 - Program of Study
 - Sending transcripts – Ms. Vitale in Guidance
 - 1st transcript free, \$4.00 each after that
 - Final transcript sent in May (free)
- Scholarship applications – check e-mail
- Secure financial aid – FAFSA Spring 2019
- Work with Mr. Steve King

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

- Check admission requirements
- Complete online applications in the Fall of Senior year
 - Be aware of application fees
 - May need ACT/SAT scores sent directly to the college (instead of attached to your transcript)
 - Pay attention to admission and scholarship deadlines
- Obtain an “unofficial” copy of your transcript (given out at Senior Conferences)
- Take challenging/college prep classes
- ACT – (available at OHS):
 - October 28, December 9, February 10, April 14, June 9
- SAT – (not available at OHS):
 - October 7, November 4, December 2, March 10, May 5, June 2
- ASVAB – contact branch recruiter
- Accuplacer – arrange through STLCC
 - Placement test for STLCC (Meramec, Forest Park, Florissant Valley, Wildwood)
 - Can use ACT score in place of Accuplacer (18 or higher on English & Reading, 23 on Math)

College is one of the most expensive purchases you will ever make!

Things to consider when looking at how much you can afford to spend:

- ❖ Current budget
- ❖ Scholarship opportunities/availability
- ❖ Future earning potential for your career
- ❖ Parental contribution (if any)

Remember – there is no scholarship too small!!!

HELPFUL FINANCIAL WEBSITES

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.org

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

www.stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com



A+ PROGRAM

- **The A+ program is a scholarship program for the Community College, Technical Schools, & some Missouri 4-year Colleges**
- **REQUIREMENTS:**
 - Must attend training and sign agreement (parent & student)
 - 2.5 cumulative GPA (by graduation)
 - 95% attendance over four years
 - 50 hours of unpaid tutoring (can include hours from Cadet Teaching, Job Shadowing, Child Dev. II – see Mrs. Ponciroli)
 - Must score Advanced or Proficient on the Algebra I EOC
 - Must maintain good citizenship

CREATING A RESUME

WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Academic Achievements
- Extracurricular involvement
- Community service
- Employment
- Goals
- References

HOW TO WRITE A RESUME

- Missouri Connections resume builder
- Word/Google doc
- Online templates

TIPS FOR WRITING A RESUME

- Choose a simple format
- Write formally (no abbreviations)
- Include achievements from high school

WHAT TO DO NEXT...

- Explore bls.gov
 - Career potential growth
 - Earning potential by career
- Explore *Missouri Connections*
 - Interest inventory
 - College/Career searches
 - Build a resume
 - Username: Oakville / Password: 2viewmoc
- Explore potential colleges
 - Admission requirements
 - Scholarship opportunities
 - Programs offered
 - Extracurricular activities

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

www.bls.gov

www.missouriconnections.org

www.ncaa.org

www.naia.org



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

[HTTP://OAKVILLEHIGH.MEHLILLESCHOOLDISTRICT.COM/SCHOOL_INFORMATION/COUNSELOR_S_CORNER](http://oakvillehigh.mehlilleschooldistrict.com/school_information/counselor_s_corner)