

# College & Career

The Pathway to Your Future Class of 2025

### There are many pathways to success!

The College Pathway

2-year Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities

**Technical or Vocational School** 



**The Career Pathway** 

Military

Apprenticeship/Internships

Enter the workforce



Have a career in a field of your choice

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Get a job or internship related to your career interests Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Earn certifications in your field of interest

## Have a career in a field of your choice

Transfer to 4-year school and earn your Bachelor's degree



Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Earn your Associate's degree

Take classes at a community college

Have a career in a field of your choice

Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Earn money to pay for college

Join the military

## Have a career in a field of your choice

Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Earn your Bachelor's degree

### OK, so you've got a plan...



## Or maybe you don't.... That's okay. You still have time to think about it.

Take time to explore your interests

THINK ABOUT WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY. THAT THING COULD BE A CAREER PATH FOR YOU INTERVIEW PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAREERS



## College: Finding the Right Fit

### CONSIDER ....

- 2 year, 4 year, or online schools
- Size
- Location
- Admissions selectivity
- Majors
- Costs
- Extracurriculars, Sports, Religious Affiliation, Campus Culture
- Special programs (research opportunities, internships, music, etc.)



## **Benefits of Choosing the College Pathway**

#### 1 Career Opportunities

- Increased earning
   potential
- Increased chance of being hired
- Preparation for a specialized career
- Networking opportunities
- Access to internships, apprenticeships, teaching assistantships, etc.

- 2 **Personal Growth**
- Access to extracurricular activities & organizations
- Exposure to new ideas and possible interests
- Flexibility to take classes outside your major
- Meeting people from diverse backgrounds

#### 3 **"Soft Skills**"

- Critical thinking
- Digital fluency
- Teamwork
- Information literacy
- Communication
- Leadership
- Time management
- Resilience
- Growth mindset

## Steps of the College Application Process

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- 1 Application Process Spring of 11th grade - Fall/Winter of 12th grade
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay
- Application
- SSL/Extracurriculars
- SAT and ACT (if applicable)
- Resume
- Deadlines (Fall 2024)

**Financial Aid** FAFSA Opens December 2024

- Create a student and parent FSAID
- Complete FAFSA application
- Completing the FAFSA opens up access to countless scholarships and grants

Making the Final Decision Spring of 12th grade

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Make your final decision by May 1st by comparing your financial aid award letters. Determine how much is being asked of your family and how much you can afford.

Remember, choosing a college is a business decision!

## **Benefits of Choosing the Career Pathway**

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- On the job training
- Housing and Medical Benefits
- 8 branches to choose from
- Educational benefits
- Leadership training
- Opportunity to travel

2 Apprenticeship

- Enter the workforce while still in high school
- Earn a salary
- Gain marketable industry skills
- Receive a State Skilled Certificate after meeting state requirements

3 Entering the Workforce

- Understanding Career Clusters
- Choose from various career fields
- Become an entrepreneur
- Build on skills you already have

## Steps to Joining the Workforce

### 1 Job Search

- Websites (Indeed, Idealist, Monster, ZipRecruiter, etc.)
- Networking (in person and online)
- Job fairs
- Social media
- Temping/interning
- "Cold calling"

2 Application

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References (around 2-4)
- Applications are usually online
- Websites like Indeed allow you to apply to multiple jobs in seconds

3 Interview

- In-person or virtual? Group or individual? Committee or one-on-one?
- Sometimes more than one interview will be required
- Do your research!
- Prepare some questions
- Remember that you are interviewing them too (to see if they are the right fit)

### **Know your Resources!**

#### Naviance

-Single sign-on for students -Parents can Email the RM <u>College and Career Coordinator</u> for access

#### **Essay Prompts for 23-24**

Common app Coalition app

College Admissions Resource Handbook MCPS Youth Apprenticeship Program

Search for a Trade School

26 Review Factors for UMD

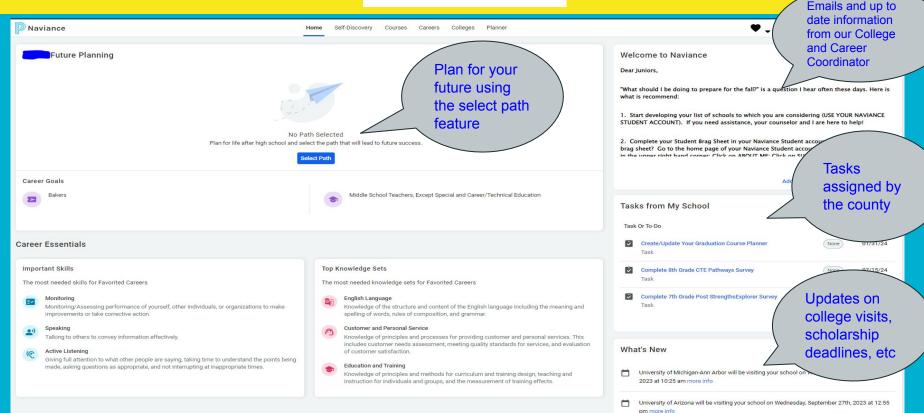
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**Join the Military** 

**Gap Year Planning** 

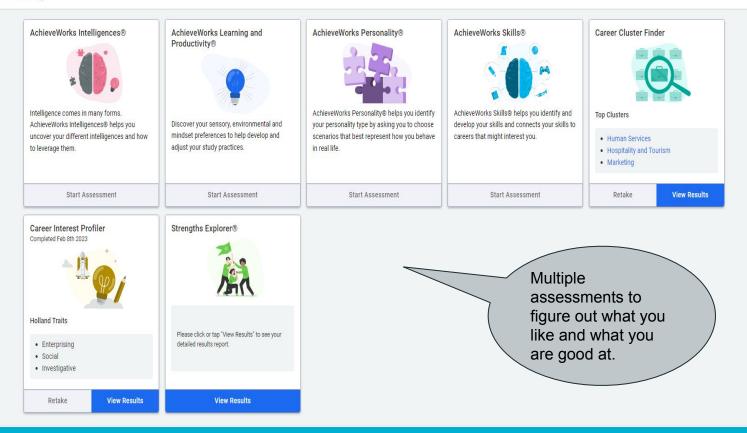
**College and Career In The News** 

### Naviance: A comprehensive online K-12 college & career readiness tool

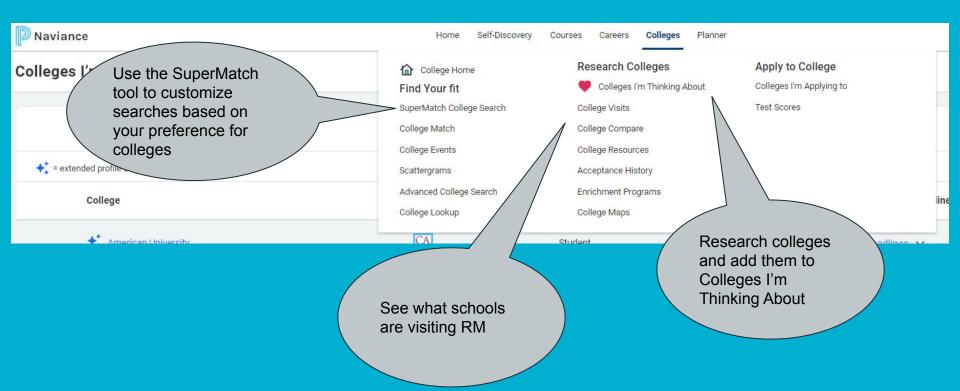


### **Naviance: Self-Discovery Homepage**

#### Self Discovery



### **Naviance: Researching Colleges**



### Naviance: Colleges I am Thinking About

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### **Naviance Career Homepage**

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## Future Events

#### **Junior Parent Evening Presentation:** December 2023

**PSAT Day:** October 11, 2023 **SAT Day:** March 20, 2024

One-on-one student meetings in the spring to discuss the college application process

Ongoing college rep visits at RM



### Naviance Sign in

#### **1. GO TO RM WEB PAGE**

#### 2. CLICK ON THE "COUNSELING" TAB

**3. CLICK ON NAVIANCE STUDENT** 

4. SIGN IN using "Single Sign On" button



5. CLICK ON COLLEGES and then SUPERMATCH COLLEGE SEARCH

6. Have fun exploring!

#### **RMHS INFORMATION**

How to Enroll A Student in MCPS (Virtually)

Student Service Learning

Honor Roll

On the Counseling page of the RMHS website click on Naviance Student **Home** → Departments → Counseling Department







Department Head: Antoinette Phillips Phone: 240-740-6120

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#### NAVIANCE

#### NAVIANCE STUDENT

Course Planner Instructions Video

Earn SSL hours for completing/updating your course planner by filling out this google form!

#### ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

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