

▶ Quarter 1– 6th Grade

Targeted Tasks:

Upon completing this lesson, students will complete the following district tasks:

- ▶ Complete Middle School Entrance Survey

Materials:

- ▶ Each student should have access to a computer
- ▶ You will need access to a computer, projector, and speakers

Procedures:

- ▶ Opening/Introduction – What is Naviance/Family Connection (~2-3mins):
 - Provide students with Family Connection URL (i.e. post the website on the board, provide the 1 page quick guide, etc)
 - Formal definition: “Naviance is a college and career readiness platform that helps students connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals and success. Using Family Connection, students can: research careers and colleges, take assessments and surveys, and create goals and to-dos.”
 - Examples of additional ways to introduce the system to students: “Today, I’d like to introduce you to the program Family Connection. You will use this system throughout your middle and high school career to help plan for your future. You will have access to a ton of tools here (i.e. college searches, career options, resume building, etc) that will help you to create a plan for your future. We (counselors) will also use this system as a way to stay in contact with you and to notify you of different college/career options....Today we’re focusing on....”
- ▶ Naviance Scavenger Hunt (Group Activity) (10-15mins):
 - Prior to completing any tasks, we will allow students a chance to explore Family Connection. Use the questions that are in the MS Naviance Scavenger Hunt survey to guide their navigation. To access the MS Naviance Scavenger Hunt survey from your staff account: Connections → Surveys → click preview beside MS Naviance Scavenger Hunt
 - Read the question and allow the students to answer as a class. Several of the questions you will need to pause and allow them time to find the correct answer.
- ▶ Complete Middle School Survey (~10-15mins)
 - Discuss with students the importance of their transition to middle school. Explain that you’re going to take some time to hear what other people had to say about transitions and then take a quick survey to reflect on their concerns are about the transition and what they’re looking forward to the most.
 - Project the following videos within Roadtrip Nation for the class – I like to show the videos twice to allow students a chance to really reflect. If you’re short on time, show the videos once or skip over a video. To access Roadtrip Nation, login to Family Connection as a student → Click Careers → Click RoadTrip Nation at the bottom of the screen → Search by Themes and choose the theme Transitions (here are examples below – you could pick other videos):
 - Scott MacEachern (General Manager, Nike LiveStrong) “Transitions”
 - Brian Stann (President/CEO Hire Heroes USA) “Glory Years”
 - Andre Bearfield (Senior Director of Product IBM Blue Box) “Take Risks”
 - Direct students to click on “My Planner” → Task Assigned to Me → Complete Middle School Entrance Survey
 - Stress to students that there are no right or wrong answers.