



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Keeping Your Options Open

There are many different ways to continue education beyond high school. Most family-wage jobs require education or training after high school. Just one year of education or training after high school can increase lifetime earnings. On average, college graduates have more jobs to choose from and have lower rates of unemployment than high school graduates. The type of career your child is interested in pursuing will help determine what type of degree and school to explore.

Many colleges typically offer four kinds of degrees: two-year (or associate), undergraduate (or bachelor's), graduate (or master's), and doctoral or professional degrees.

Here are some examples:

Example Career	Type of Education	# of Years	Degree	Example School
Warehouse Worker	Apprenticeship	2	Journey-Level Certificate	Bucher Aerospace Corporation, Everett
Licensed Practical Nurse	Community College	2	Associate	South Puget Sound Community College
Graphic Designer	Public University	4	Bachelor's	Central Washington University
	Private College or University			Gonzaga University

For more examples, go to: [Matching Careers to Degrees](#)

Source: [Career Guidance WA](#)



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Have Naviance Questions?

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Upcoming Lessons in Naviance Family Connection with your counselor:

- **6th Grade - Learning Style Inventory**
- **7th Grade - Exploring Careers & Colleges**
- **8th Grade - Road Trip to Your Career**

(*See page 2 for the full list of middle school lessons)

Did You Know?

Community colleges are the most common type of two-year college. They offer many types of educational programs, including those that lead to associate degrees and certificates. Certificates and some types of associate degrees focus on career readiness. Other types of associate degrees are good preparation for study at a four-year college, where graduates can earn a bachelor's degree.

Source: [BigFuture](#)

Myth Buster

MYTH: Students only attend community college because they can't get into a four-year university.

REALITY: There are many reasons students attend community colleges instead of four-year colleges.

Cost is one of the biggest incentives, since community college is usually more affordable. Many students choose to take core classes at a community college and then transfer to a four-year university. Also, many students choose to live at home to save money on housing costs. Class schedules can be more flexible, as well, so students can work more hours.

It is important to consider support services, graduation rates, and costs and costs to determine which school is the best fit. Do your research.

Sources: Scholarships.com & [Oregon GEAR UP](http://OregonGEARUP.org)



[Check Student Online Grades Here!](#)

Middle School Naviance Lessons 2016-2017

MS	Lessons	Month
6	Lesson 1 – 6 th Grade S.M.A.R.T Goal	September/October
	Lesson 2 – Learning Style Inventory	December/January
	Lesson 3 – What Is a G.P.A?	February
	E.O.Y – 6 th Grade Goal Reflection	June
7	Lesson 1 – 7 th Grade S.M.A.R.T Goal	September/October
	Lesson 2 – Exploring Careers & Colleges (SuperMatch)	December/January
	Lesson 3 – <i>Know Before You Go</i> Critical Vocabulary	February
	E.O.Y – 7 th Grade Goal Reflection	June
8	Lesson 1 – 8 th Grade S.M.A.R.T Goal	September/October
	Lesson 2 – Road Trip to Your Career	December
	Lesson 3 – College Affordability	January
	Lesson 4 – My High School & Beyond Plan	February (8 th Grade high school planning)
	E.O.Y – 8 th Grade Goal Reflection	June
*E.O.Y. = End Of Year		

Student Checklist

- ☐ **Think** about what you'd like to do when you grow up.
- ☐ **Learn** about career possibilities in Naviance Family Connection by taking the **Cluster Finder** survey located in the **colleges tab**.
- ☐ **Read** something every day: newspapers, blogs, books, or magazines.
- ☐ **Talk with your family** and your advisor about your goals and dreams.

Family Checklist

- ☐ **Talk about extracurricular activities.** Getting involved in clubs and other groups is a great way for your child to identify interests and feel more engaged in school.
- ☐ **Come up with fun reading ideas.** If your family makes reading enjoyable, it can become a daily habit.
- ☐ **Visit a nearby college together.** If you live near a college, look for upcoming events on campus that are open to the community. Or just tour the campus. Just being on a campus may get your child interested in college.

Sources: [Career Guidance WA](#) and [BioFuture](#)



Visit readysetgrad.org to learn more and access resources to help your child make a plan.