



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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10th Grade

Career Exploration

Choosing a career is one of life's big decisions. Will a future career be exciting and fulfilling? Will it pay enough to support a family? Will there be opportunities to grow? Deciding on a career to pursue is exciting. But because there are so many career paths, it can be hard to choose.

Use **Naviance Family Connection** to explore options now!!

1. **Think about your interests.** Not sure what you want to do? Try a career quiz. Go to the **Careers** tab then click **Cluster Finder** to start today!
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3. **Consider how to get there.** It's good to know what skills, classes and degrees different jobs require. To get information about education requirements for different jobs, use [Major and Career Search](#).
4. **Try it out.** Help your teen choose some of these ideas or come up with his or her own:
 - Volunteer where you're likely to meet someone who has one of the jobs you're interested in.
 - Look into a paid or unpaid internship.
 - Job-shadow for a day.
 - Conduct research at the library or online.
 - Find a mentor who can give you perspective and advice.
 - Talk to family members and friends who work in those careers or know others who do.

Teens might feel pressured to plan their whole lives before they even begin to apply to colleges. That's not necessarily the best approach. Though some people have well-focused career goals early in life, other's don't — and they still find their way to the right job. Staying flexible can be helpful when it comes to thinking about the future.

Source: [BigFuture](#) & [Career Bridge](#)



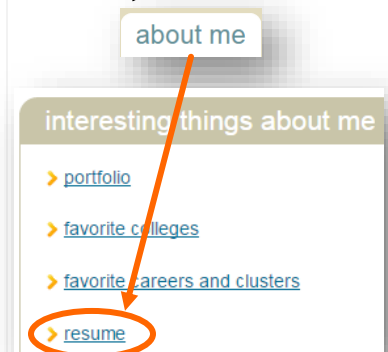
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Want to create a resume to bring to a job interview or include in an application? **Now you can!**

Start creating your resume today in Naviance Family Connection!



Did You Know?

According to a recent Gallup & Lumina poll, **84 percent of business leaders said** the amount of knowledge of potential hires is very important, **28 percent said** a candidate's college major is important, and **9 percent said** the college where the candidate received a degree is very important.

Source: [Gallup](#). See more at: [US News](#)

Myth Buster

MYTH: If students plan to go to community college, they can enroll anytime.

REALITY: Community and Technical Colleges' open door admissions policy means you won't have to compete with others to be accepted. These colleges do not require SAT or ACT scores or essays, but they do require a [placement test](#).

Each college has a slightly different [admissions process](#). Some want everyone to fill out an application; others do not. 11th grade Smarter Balanced test scores can help your child decide which courses to take to be ready for college, and they tell colleges whether or not you're ready for college-level courses. A score of 3 or 4, means your child is ready for college-level math and English. Ask your child's counselor about Bridge to College courses if your child scores a 1 or 2.

These colleges are on a quarter calendar. Be sure to look at the [instructional calendar](#) for the quarter start and end dates at the college of your choice.

Being accepted does not always mean you are accepted into the specific program or classes of your choice. Certain programs have different admissions requirements, additional steps or forms: Running Start, International Students, high school programs, and healthcare programs such as nursing, corrections/law enforcement, to name just a few.

Source: CheckoutaCollege.com

Student Checklist

- ☐ **Review PSAT/NMSQT or Aspire results with your family.** If you took the PSAT/NMSQT, log in to [My College QuickStart](#) to get personalized feedback based on your PSAT/NMSQT score report.
- ☐ **Start thinking about ways to pay for college.** Read [7 Things You Need to Know About Financial Aid](#) to learn more.
- ☐ **Research majors that might be a good fit with your interests** and find out what **colleges** offer those majors by clicking on the **Related Majors** tab

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Family Checklist

- ☐ **Learn about the different types of college and career paths.**
- ☐ **Encourage your teen to explore and research majors** that might be a good fit with his or her interests and goals within Naviance Family Connection.
- ☐ **Check in regularly about schoolwork.** To find out about your student's grades, assignments, and attendance, you can use LMS. Check the LMS, [online system](#) at least weekly to keep up with your child's progress.

Sources: [Federal Student Aid](#), [BigFuture](#), & [ReadySetGrad](#)

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Online Grades Here!](#)



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