



# **High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information**

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

## **Preparing for High School**

The work you do in middle school not only prepares you for high school but your future. The choices you make in middle school will affect the work you do in high school and the opportunities you will have after graduation.

To prepare for high school and beyond it is important for you to make the most of your time in middle school and plan ahead so you can make your time in high school count. This can mean working hard to get good grades, asking for help when you need it, and taking rigorous or challenging classes. Remember that you need to have a certain number of credits to graduate but also check out the requirements to get into a two-year, four-year, technical college or training program because it can be DIFFERENT!

Check out **SuperMatch** in Naviance and the **Everett Public Schools' Graduation Toolkits** to see all the credit requirements and options for your future!

How do I get to **SuperMatch**?

www.everettsd.org

Click on **Students**>



Click on your school to log in!

#### **Remember:**

Username = Student ID# Password = Last 4-digits of ID# + 2-digits for the DAY you were born

How do I find my **Graduation Toolkit**? www.everettsd.org

Click on Students>Graduation Requirements





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When is your 8th Grade **High School Transition** Meeting?

- Eisenhower March 21
- **Evergreen March 22** (EHS)
- **Evergreen March 29** (CHS)
- **Gateway March 28**
- **Heatherwood** March 29
- North March 16

New district-wide course catalog is now **ONLINE!** 

#### **Did You Know?**

Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other serious challenge. By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

**Source:** Attendance Works

### **Myth Buster**

**MYTH:** Challenging classes like Advanced Placement or AP courses are too stressful.

**REALITY:** It is no secret that AP courses are challenging

Students have to be committed and work hard. However, they get support from classmates and teachers who can help ease their worries.

By taking AP classes, your child can:

- Stand out in college admissions.
- Earn college credit.
- Skip introductory classes.
- Build college skills.

Interested in taking an AP course? Talk to a teacher or counselor about next steps.

Source: <u>APStudent</u>

#### **Student Checklist**

8th graders create your 4-year plan using the Course **Planner** tool in Naviance to see how many credits you need and plan your future classes.

courses > manage my course plans

☐ **Use SuperMatch** Naviance to explore college options and personalize your search!

colleges > SuperMatch™ college search

#### **Family Checklist**

- ☐ Talk with your student about the importance of coursework and activities for next year.
- ☐ Use the **Course Planner** tool in Naviance to plan the remaining years in high school.
- Check out the options for taking middle school courses for high school credit
  - 1. Algebra
  - 2. Computer Applications
  - 3. Coordinated Science
  - 4. English 1
  - 5. Geometry
  - 6. Spanish 1
  - 7. Washington State History



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