

**College and Career Readiness in Rocky River City Schools**

Expose...inform...research...prepare...experience...decide.

Our goal is to engage each student in the career development process and help them progress through the decision-making process of selecting the appropriate path to . While students work through the infinite possibilities of career choice and continuing education, our aim is to help them identify areas of interest and target their focus on what best suits them by providing feedback on their skills, interests, and options. Below is an overview of how students in RRCS gather information at all grades relative to their future plans. Our collective goal is each individual’s development of self as that process will help lead them to future college and career readiness.

**Goldwood Primary School (K-2) and Kensington Intermediate School (3-5)**

Students participate in exploration activities to help them gain insight into their personal interests and abilities while giving them the opportunity to explore their interests. Students also discuss how to link their interests and coursework to future careers.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Self-Awareness of Personal Interests	K-5
Exploration of Personal Interests & Abilities	K-5
Interests, Abilities and Choices: Discussion of Interests & Abilities (in conjunction with general awareness of available RRCS coursework at RRMS and RRHS)	5

**Rocky River Middle School (6-8)**

Students are introduced to Naviance, a college and career readiness system used by RRCS to help coordinate and communicate efforts between school, student, and parent. Students are enrolled in a quarter-long class called “College and Career Readiness” (CCR) at each grade level where the teacher will cover variety of topics and activities including the following tasks within Naviance listed below. Additionally, all 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 in the Fall in order to practice for future standardized college admission tests.

**Naviance Tasks by grade level**

<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Goals Essay	Career Cluster Finder	CareerKey
Learning Style Inventory	Career Interest Profiler	College Search
Multiple Intelligences Advantage	CareerKey	Goals Essay
Support Network	Do What You Are!	Resume
Self-discovery: Taking Responsibility	Goals Essay	StrengthsExplorer
	Occupation Research	SuperMatch
	RoadTrip Nation	Support Network
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### Rocky River High School (9-12)

Students broaden their knowledge of future careers and opportunities by expanding on their knowledge of careers and colleges while utilizing tools and resources within Naviance. Colleges often like to see students grow where they are planted...and to grow well! We encourage students to continue exploring their interests, maintaining a rigorous curriculum, and explore their personal identity while expanding upon their life experiences. Students will gain knowledge about themselves through the tasks assigned at each grade level listed below. Students are best prepared for career readiness by following a student-directed interested, passion, or capability. Better understanding one's self will lead to further developing their personality, passion, joy and achievement - which will then lead to future success. Furthermore, students have access to resources promoted by the Ohio Department of Education at: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Connections/Career-Pathways>. Students can also take advantage of Career Shadowing opportunities: <http://www.rrcs.org/CareerShadowing.aspx>.

#### **Naviance Tasks by grade level**

<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Occupation Research	College Search/SuperMatch	College Essay	College Applications
Career Interest Profiler	Game Plan Survey	Goals Essay	Scholarship Search
Search for Enrichment Programs	Search for Enrichment Programs	Resume	Senior Exit Survey (May)
Learning Style Inventory (FMP)	View Scattergrams	Scholarship Search	College Essay Writing Tips Workshop
	Career Finder	Search for Enrichment Programs	Alumni Interviewing Tips Workshop
	Cluster Finder	Add Colleges to My List (May)	

#### Recommended College Admission Standardized Testing Schedule

##### **October**

Freshmen in Algebra I or Concepts of Algebra: PSAT 8/9

Freshmen in Honors/Geometry or Honors/Algebra II: PSAT

Sophomores: PSAT

Juniors: optional PSAT/NMSQT (\$20, recommended for all college-bound students)

**December Junior Year:** optional ACT for students planning to take College Credit + classes

**February/March Junior Year:** Free ACT offered at RRHS

**February/March Junior Year:** Free SAT (mandated by state) at RRHS

**May/June Junior Year:** optional re-take ACT, SAT, and/or SAT Subject Tests (only for high selective schools)

**July/August/September/October Senior Year:** optional re-take ACT and/or SAT