

MY STUDENT'S PLAN BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

What will they choose?

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Launch into the Future



College



Trade/Apprenticeship
Program



Work



Military



Job Program



Gap Year Program



Planning for the Future

It's never too early—or too late—to explore postsecondary options! You and your student will have to take time to research and understand your options, but you don't have to do it alone. **We're here to help break down the processes and to make it easier for you.**



About Your Student

Ever wonder what career might be a good fit for your student? Want to make sure you're exploring all available options? Finding out what your student wants to be in the future involves knowing who they are today. A **self-inventory** can help you and your student plan for life beyond high school.

[START HERE](#)
10 Questions to Discover Your Future

TIP! ⇒ **LOG INTO [NAVIANCE](#)** to complete (1) **SuperMatch**, (2) **Career Cluster** and (3) **Career Interest Profiler!**

Experts in Schools

- School Counselor(s)
- Postsecondary Partners
- Teachers





COLLEGE

Financial Aid Notice



MILITARY

Enlistment Contract



EMPLOYMENT

Offer Letter



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Acceptance Letter



JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Admission Letter



GAP YEAR PROGRAM

Admission Letter



OTHER**

Counselor or Coach
Verified Option

Former Definition

Expanded Definition

** Acceptable evidence varies based on the postsecondary pathway a student chooses to pursue after high school graduation..

What is Learn.Plan.Succeed?

Learn.Plan.Succeed. is a high school *graduation requirement*. Every 12th grade student must have evidence of their next institution for life beyond high school in the form of a *concrete postsecondary plan*.

To provide a high quality public education for every child, in every neighborhood, that prepares each for success in college, career, and civic life.





What are the different pathways??

Postsecondary Pathways

College

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Financial Aid Award Notice

Any institution of higher education that awards a degree or credential post-high school graduation. This includes, but is not limited to, universities, community colleges, trade schools and more.



Postsecondary Pathways

Military

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Enlistment Contract

- Made up of five branches, each with their own active-duty and part-time components. Each varies in service commitment, location and how its members contribute to the overall mission of protecting our country, though all are on the same rank-based pay scale.



Postsecondary Pathways

Gap Year Program

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Admission Letter

- A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or postsecondary education, in order to better understand one's practical, professional, and personal awareness.



Postsecondary Pathways

Employment

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Offer Letter

- A paid work agreement between an employer and employee. The term applies to a person who is hired for a salary or fee to perform work for an employer.



Postsecondary Pathways

Trade/Apprenticeship

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Acceptance Letter

- A combination of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction under the supervision of a journey-level craft person or trade professional in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation.



Postsecondary Pathways

Job Training Program

PREFERRED EVIDENCE: Admission Letter

- Programs are typically aimed at giving a boost to workers' employability and earnings.



Student, which path with you choose?



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What is a Concrete Postsecondary Plan?

The following concrete steps would meet the District's proposed high school graduation requirement:

-  **College** - Financial Aid Notice
-  **Military** acceptance/enlistment contract
-  **Job Training Program** - Acceptance Letter
-  **Trade / Pre-apprenticeship/Apprenticeship** - Acceptance Letter
-  **Gap Year Program** - Acceptance Letter
-  **Employment** - Current job/job offer letter



Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

An **individualized learning plan** (ILP) is both a tool and a process that students can use – with support from their school counselor, teachers, and family – to define career goals and postsecondary plans. It can inform student decisions about courses and activities throughout high school.

- All Juniors and Seniors take a seminar class
- This is where students work on their learning plan

Naviance

Naviance is a **college and career readiness platform** that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation.

This is where students must:

- 1 Complete the “Individual Learning Plan”
- 2 Load evidence of a “concrete postsecondary plan” to meet the Learn.Plan.Succeed. graduation requirement (Gr 12)

To access your **CPS Naviance Portal**, go to <https://cps.edu/Pages/naviance.aspx>



Start the Conversation at Home

You are critical in your student's thinking about the future. You can play an active role in your student's decision making process about education and career by taking time to understand the steps your students will take before and after high school graduation and by having goal-setting conversations.

- **Ask your student** if they have thought about what they would like to do when they graduate. These interests may guide which pathway would be best suited for your student's aspirations.
- **Meet with your student's school counselor**
- **Organize your senior year calendar**
 - Soon after **October 1**, complete one: **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.FAFSA.gov OR the **Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid** (only for qualifying undocumented and transgender students) at <https://studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp>
- **Attend CPS Parent-Teacher Conference days**



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