

Hamilton Heights School Corporation Preparing for College & Careers Curriculum Map

Course Title: Preparing for College & Careers (HS Credit Course)	Quarters 1 & 2	Academic Year: 2025 - 2026
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<p>Essential Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are your personal interests and strengths, and how can you leverage them to choose a potential career path? ● How can you effectively research and compare different college options based on your academic goals and financial situation? ● What key skills are necessary for success in college, such as time management, critical thinking, and communication, and how can you develop them now? ● How can you build a compelling resume and cover letter that highlights your relevant experiences and qualifications for potential jobs or internships? ● What are the steps involved in the college application process, including deadlines, required documents, and financial aid options?

Unit Name	Total Days	Standards Number	Knowledge Objectives	Skills Objectives	Specific Assessments	Specific Resources
Exploring Self	20	1.1-1.4	Students will describe the relationship between individual aptitudes, traits, interests, attitudes, and skills, and how these influence career and life choices.	Analyze personal values and determine learning styles, strengths, personality types	Xello Assessments	Xello

			Students will identify their preferred learning styles and evaluate how these preferences support lifelong learning and goal achievement.			
Making A Plan - Personal	8-10	4.1-4.3	Students will know what a personal mission statement is and how it can guide decision making.	Developing personal mission statements and setting SMART goals	Mission Statement Inspiration Graphic SMART Goals	PPT Slides
Exploring Careers	20	2.1-2.4	Understand roles, functions, and training requirements for careers in selected clusters. Identify career trends, opportunities, and entrepreneurial options in chosen pathways. Evaluate careers for education needs, conditions, benefits, and growth potential. Use technology to research and organize career	Job Spark, Exploring career clusters	Career Cluster Project and Informational Interview, Job Spark Presentation	Junior Achievement Job Spark Event, Career One Stop, Informational Interviews

			information effectively.			
Exploring Post Secondary Education	10	3.1-3.4	<p>Understand postsecondary options, including certificates, apprenticeships, military, and college programs.</p> <p>Compare public and private colleges and other postsecondary choices.</p> <p>Identify statewide resources for exploring postsecondary opportunities.</p> <p>Understand the costs of postsecondary education and available financial aid options.</p>	Understand different postsecondary options available including alternatives to a four year degree	Career Research Project, Reaching New Heights Fair	PPT Slides
Employability Skills	16-17	7.1-7.5	<p>Understand the purpose and importance of a mock interview in career preparation.</p> <p>Recognize key elements of effective communication</p>	Interviewing, networking, appearance, and interview etiquette	Resume, Cover Letter, Mock Interview and Thank You Letter	Xello Creating A Resume

			<p>during an interview.</p> <p>Identify strategies for preparing responses to common interview questions.</p>			
Making A Plan - High School	10	4.1-4.3	<p>Understand the types of classes and programs offered in high school, including core, elective, and advanced options.</p> <p>Recognize the importance of aligning class choices with personal interests, career goals, and graduation requirements.</p> <p>Identify the steps to create a comprehensive four-year high school plan.</p>	Understanding high school pathways and scheduling		HS counselors come to HHMS
Personal Skills	10	6.1-6.5	<p>Understand insights and experiences shared by industry speakers to explore career options.</p> <p>Recognize the importance of employability skills such as</p>	Flexibility and adaptability, leadership and responsibility, initiative and self-direction		Guest speakers

		<p>communication, teamwork, and adaptability in the workplace.</p> <p>Identify ways to apply industry knowledge and employability skills to personal career goals.</p>			
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