

Postsecondary Planning & Career Readiness: Know Your Academic Graduation Plan

Grades: 10th- 12th

Competencies: Students are motivated to succeed in personal endeavors; Students possess the knowledge and skills to gather information to the purpose of postsecondary education and career planning

Goal: Students will gain concrete knowledge about the State graduation requirements rank, GPA, endorsement and their personal graduation plan. They will utilize the information to correlate it to a successful transition to post high school education.

Materials: Documents Prepared by Counselors: Senior Checklist, Student Schedule, Counselor made State Graduation Requirement Sheet, Grade Classifications, Personal Transcript and Course Selection Sheet (10th- 11th); Counselor Created Senior Success Manual (12th).

Activity:

- Congratulate the students on how far they have come in their educational careers.
- Ask if anyone would briefly like to share any personal accomplishments they have achieved throughout their high school years.
- Tell students, “The time you spend right now preparing for your future can make a tremendous difference in how successful you will be.”
- Review the goals for the lesson, pass out the handouts then show informational powerpoint reviewing graduation requirements, rank, GPA, endorsement and course selection(for 10th-11th only).

Reflection and Closure:

- Say this to students, “An unknown person said: Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.” How does this apply to the challenges you have encountered today to pass your classes, graduate and move to the next level?”
- Challenge Students: “Write down 3 goals that you will commit to do by next six weeks, next semester and end of school year.” For seniors, after graduation.
- Ask: “Consider the Character Counts Pillars. Can you show respect for yourself and ignore your responsibility to yourself by not carrying out your obligations?”
- Students are to go and discuss graduation plans with parents/ guardians; Seniors are to review counselor made senior success manual with parents/ guardians.