

HIGH SCHOOL POSTSECONDARY PLANNING ROADMAP

Grade 11: Plan and Prepare for Your Future

Narrow your options to a plan for after high school that you're excited about.

Academics

- Continue taking rigorous courses when appropriate
- Stay on track for graduation
- Consider dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or career and technical education (CTE) opportunities, if available
- If you're planning to apply to a 4-year college:
 - Take the SAT or ACT
 - Write your college essay
 - Request letters of recommendation

Interests and Goals

- Re-take the interests, skills, and work values assessments in [MEFA Pathway](#) and compare your findings to past results
- Explore education and training requirements for your top career choices
- Meet with your counselor to plan a post-high school pathway
- Develop a summer plan that supports your goals

Exploration

- Depending on your goals:
 - Visit college campuses, technical schools, or apprenticeship programs during half days, vacation days, and summer break
 - Speak with military recruiters
 - Connect with employers in your careers of interest

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Grade 11: Discover & Develop Your Interests and Skills

Explore careers and connect them to your future plans.

Experience

- Complete an internship
- Participate in mentorship and/or job shadowing opportunities
- Take on leadership roles in extracurricular activities
- Continue or discover new volunteer or part-time work in your areas of interest
- Update your resume

Reflection/ Journal Questions

- Based on what I've learned about myself, what option after high school feels like the best fit and what are the next steps to prepare?
- What careers interest me?
- What colleges, schools, or job sites have I visited and enjoyed?
- What are my priorities for my future?

MEFA Resources

- If college is your destination, read MEFA's article, [High School Juniors, Begin College Planning Here](#), to determine next steps
- Read MEFA's article, [To Take an AP Class or Not to Take an AP Class..... That is the Question](#) to learn about courses offered, common requirements, and how colleges view AP courses
- Listen to the MEFA Podcast episode, [A Lifetime of Learning and Building a Career That Fits](#), which highlights an HVAC & Plumbing Technician who discusses career choices, owning a business, mentorship, and finding the right path after high school
- Listen to the MEFA Podcast episode, [What Rising HS Seniors Can Do Over the Summer to Plan for College](#) for some insightful tips on how to spend your summer months
- Use [MEFA Pathway](#) to add a journal entry that answers the reflection questions above