Career & College Readiness Presentation

Class of 2021
The Reality of Today’s Job Market
Let’s get real about your future!

• Job Availability
  • Several years ago, many job applicants were able to find decent paying jobs that didn’t necessarily require a college degree. Today, however, many of these jobs no longer exist either because they have been replaced by modern technology or the position requires one to have a college degree.
  • According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 90 percent of the fastest-growing jobs of the future will require some post-high school education or training.

• Education Matters…
  • In 2007, the US Census Bureau reported that the annual median income of workers without college degrees was only $32,500. Those with bachelor’s degrees earned $42,000, and those with master’s degrees earned $63,000+.
Average work-life earnings by education level

There is correlation between education and earnings!

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<th>Educational attainment</th>
<th>Synthetic work-life earnings</th>
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<td>None to 8th grade</td>
<td>936,000</td>
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<td>9th to 12th grade</td>
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<td>High school graduate</td>
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<td>Some college</td>
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<td>Associate’s degree</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
<td>2,422,000</td>
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<td>Master’s degree</td>
<td>2,834,000</td>
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<td>Professional degree</td>
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The connection between education and employment is constantly increasing. Employers are seeking highly educated and skilled individuals to fill positions. An individual's chance of obtaining job security increases with his or her education level. A higher level of education also increases the likelihood that the individual secures a job with a high salary. The table below illustrates the connection between educational attainment, unemployment rate and wages.

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<th>Educational Attainment</th>
<th>2013 United States Median Weekly Earnings ($)</th>
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<td>High School Diploma</td>
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2013 United States Unemployment Rate (%)*

Educational attainment is strongly tied to earnings. The chart below displays median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers age 25 years and older between 2008 and 2012. Individuals in the “bachelor’s degree and higher” category earn almost twice as much per week when compared to those in the “high school graduates, no college” category. This chart also shows that wages are increasing at a faster rate for individuals who hold a bachelor’s and/or higher degree compared with wages for those who hold less than a bachelor’s degree.

The Importance of Your Freshman Year

93% of Pickerington High School North students report that they “plan to go to college”

If you are in that 93% you need to begin planning for that now!
  • As the college admissions process continues to get more and more competitive, the responsibility lies with **YOU** to be as prepared as possible.

The Class of 2017 at PHS North last year:

81% of our students applied and were accepted to at least one college and planned to attend.

12% applied and were accepted and planned to attend a 2-year college or technical school.

04% planned to enter the military after graduation.

01% planned to go directly to work after graduation.

02% indicated they were undecided as to their plans for after graduation.

100% of PHS North students will be ready for college and/or a career if you begin preparing now!!!
Preparing for a Career/College 101
What You Can (And SHOULD) Be Doing Right Now!

1. Take a rigorous high school curriculum and grades matter!
   - You begin building your high school transcript during your freshman year of high school, and your cumulative high school GPA is built by combining your grades from all four years of high school.
   - The higher your grades/ the higher your ACT score - the more opportunity you will have to earn scholarships to help pay for college!
   - Take challenging courses to prepare you for college/career.
   - Find the right balance of the most rigorous classes you can handle while maintaining an above average grade point average (3.0 or higher) Everyone is different- find the balance that works for you!
   - If you are willing to do the work and put in the time, we believe you can succeed in Honors or AP or College Credit Plus courses!
Preparing for College 101
What You Can (And SHOULD) Be Doing Right Now

2. **Develop Good Study Habits & Time Management Skills**
   Use the study skills and time management skills that will complement your learning style. **We will be doing an activity today that will help you identify how you learn best and the best study skills and strategies for you!!**

   Ask for help when you need it and use the resources available:
   1. E and I-seek help from your teachers
   2. Panther Point - Room 204
   3. NHS tutors
   4. Homework Help Center at the Pickerington Library
   5. Parents/Private tutors/Academic Enrichment Center-fees required

3. **Get Involved in Extracurricular Activities and Volunteerism early**
   - College admissions staff love to see that a student was highly involved with their school and/or community
   - It is better to commit to a few activities and stick with them over your entire high school career – take on a leadership role by volunteering to chair a committee, be an officer, or organize an event or project.
   - Also consider volunteering outside of school (such as feeding the homeless at a shelter, volunteer at a hospital or do community service through your church or other organization.
Naviance
PHSN College and Career Readiness Website

4. Utilize your Naviance College and Career Readiness website to explore colleges and careers:
   • Please take this time to log into your Naviance account.
   • Go to: http://connection.naviance.com/phsn
   • **USERNAME LOG IN:** Your School Email Address
     • [firstname_lastname@students.plsd.us](mailto:firstname_lastname@students.plsd.us)
   • **PASSWORD LOG IN:** Your Student ID number
   • Update Information:
     • Go to the “About Me” Tab
       • Scroll down to “Profile”
       • Click “Edit”
       • Update personal email address and any other incorrect information.
Preparing for College 101
What You Can (And SHOULD) Be Doing Right Now

4. Use your Naviance Family Connection College and Career Readiness website to begin researching and exploring colleges and careers.

- **Helpful components of Naviance**
  - **ABOUT ME:** Self-exploration tools: personality assessment, learning style assessment, career interest assessment. Build a strong **resume** of your activities, academics, community service and work experiences. Start keeping track of your activities.
  - **CAREERS:** Explore career options and connect those careers with high school classes and college majors. View **career videos** on Naviance.
  - **COLLEGES:** Search for colleges and read about them. Research college majors and explore college websites. Start talking with your parents about financial aid and start looking at **financial and scholarship opportunities** at the bottom of this page.
  - **ATTEND THE COLLEGE FAIR - Tomorrow, Sept. 28th from 6 - 8 pm at the Ohio University Lancaster Campus in the gymnasium.** Hand out green invitations!
  - **PLANNER:** Get and stay organized! Time management is important for success! Find an organization system that works for you and use it!
Learning Style Inventory

• To help you develop important study habits.

• Sometimes we do not know how we learn best. This inventory can help you identify strengths and weaknesses as a learner and provide you with feedback about how you learn best.

• In Naviance, go to “About Me”
  • Scroll down and click “Learning Style”.
  • Start inventory. Respond to all statements. Try not to use unsure as a response.

• Review your results and begin implementation of the suggested study strategies! They will help you improve your grades and prepare you for college and/or a career!