

High school students have many questions about the college application process, what it takes to be a successful college student, and how to begin thinking about their careers.

In College and Career Preparation I, students obtain a deeper understanding of what it means to be ready for college. Students are informed about the importance of high school performance in college admissions and how to prepare for college testing. They know the types of schools and degrees they may choose to pursue after high school and gain wide exposure to the financial resources available that make college attainable.

Career readiness is also a focus. Students connect the link between interests, college majors, and future careers by analyzing career clusters. Students come away from this course understanding how smart preparation and skill development in high school can lead into expansive career opportunities after they have completed their education and are ready for the working world.

Students who complete College and Career Preparation I have the basic skills and foundation of knowledge to progress into College and Career Preparation II, the capstone course that provides hands-on information about the transition from high school to college and career.

This course is built to the American School Counselors Association National Standards for school counseling programs.

Length: One Semester

UNIT 1: PREPARE FOR COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Lesson 1: The Value of Education
- Lesson 2: High School Records
- Lesson 3: High School Portfolio
- Lesson 4: Habits of a Successful High School Student
- Lesson 5: Prepare for College in High School Wrap-Up

UNIT 2: COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

- Lesson 1: Types of Colleges
- Lesson 2: Types of Collegiate Academic Programs and Degrees
- Lesson 3: Academic Requirements and Performance Scores
- Lesson 4: College Knowledge Wrap-Up

UNIT 3: TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS

- Lesson 1: The Aspire Test
- Lesson 2: The PSAT
- Lesson 3: Test-Taking Skills
- Lesson 4: Testing and Assessments Wrap-Up

UNIT 4: FINANCIAL AID

- Lesson 1: How Will I Afford College?
- Lesson 2: Cost of College
- Lesson 3: Saving for College
- Lesson 4: Financial Aid Wrap-Up

UNIT 5: CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Lesson 1: Career Clusters

- Lesson 2: Basic Academic Skills
- Lesson 3: Talents and Hobbies
- Lesson 4: Career Opportunities Wrap-Up

UNIT 6: WRAP-UP

- Lesson 1: Wrap-Up