

SECTION VI: COLLEGE COUNSELING

College and Career Readiness is an integral part of the total experience of Harmony Public Schools. Harmony Public School College and Career advising framework, adapted from the National Office for School Counselor Advocacy (NOSCA) national model, is written to reflect a comprehensive approach to the eight components of College and Career Readiness.

PROCESS AT HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. College Aspirations

Build a college-going culture based on early college awareness by nurturing in students the confidence to aspire to college and the resilience to overcome challenges along the way. Maintain high expectations by providing adequate supports, building social capital, and conveying the conviction that all students can succeed in college.

2. Academic Planning for College and Career Readiness

Advance students' planning, preparation, participation, and performance in a rigorous academic program that connects to their college and career aspirations and goals.

3. Enrichment and Extracurricular Engagement

Ensure equitable exposure to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase engagement with school.

4. College and Career Exploration and Selection Processes

Provide early and ongoing exposure to experiences and information necessary to make informed decisions when selecting a college or career that connects to academic preparation and future aspirations.

5. College and Career Assessments

Promote preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments by all students.

6. College Affordability Planning

Provide students and families with comprehensive information about college costs, options for paying for college, and the financial aid and scholarship processes and eligibility requirements, so they are able to plan for and afford a college education.

7. College and Career Admission Processes

Ensure that students and families have an early and ongoing understanding of the college and career application and admission

processes so they can find the postsecondary options that are the best fit with their aspirations and interests

8. Transition from High School Graduation to College Enrollment

Connect students to school and community resources to help the students overcome barriers and ensure the successful transition from high school to college

Naviance / Family Connection

Naviance is a web-based college and career exploration tool available to all of our students. Students are able to start exploring their options after high school, as early as freshman year. Naviance provides a number of resources in one place, including, but not limited to the following:

- Career and personality interest inventories to help you discover potential careers and majors that match your skills and interests
- Career exploration tools such as job descriptions and summaries to show you the education, skills, and abilities necessary for thousands of careers, as well as expected salaries
- Resume builder that allows students to start keeping track of their activities in one place
- College and major search options that can be tailored to your specifications (location, size, etc.), including links to college websites and information about admissions requirements and deadlines
- Resources to build a list of schools you may be interested in
- Guidance in searching for scholarships
- Links to summer enrichment program