

8TH GRADE PLAN FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS



Millcreek Junior High

2021-2022

What does it mean to be college and career ready?

We want all students to have college and career goals that will prepare them to experience fulfilling lives, actively participate as educated citizens, and thrive in a competitive and global marketplace.

Plan now to succeed in the labor market that is Utah's future! At the end of 2020, 66 percent of the jobs in Utah require 1, 2, 4 or more years of education beyond high school. Don't get left behind!

What is my 4-year plan?

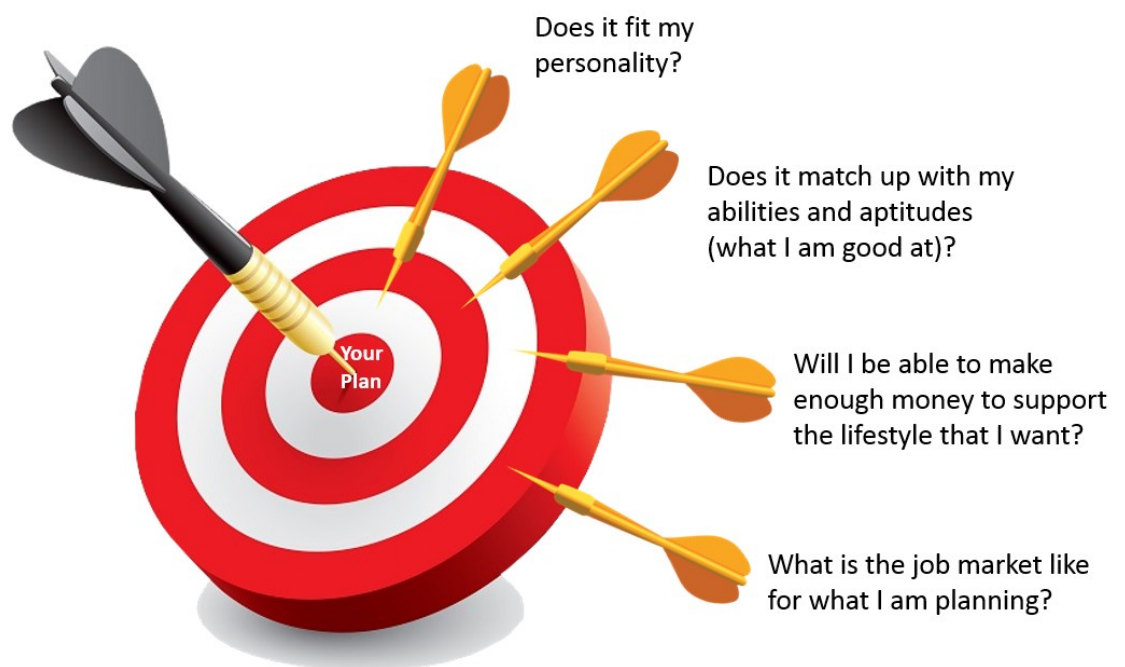
What you study now and learn in junior high and in high school will prepare you to be college and career ready. It is never too soon to start thinking about your future and what you need to do in school to be ready. If you plan now, you won't miss out on opportunities to take the classes you want. You may also take classes at other high schools if your school doesn't offer the class you want to take.

What should I be worrying about next year?

1. Take challenging classes in core academics.
2. Get good grades.
3. Be thinking ahead about what colleges you may want to attend. They may have a higher admission requirement than the Davis School District graduation requirement.
4. Talk to your counselor about your plan.
5. Talk to your parents about how you will finance your college costs.
6. Start a file for all awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extra curricular activities.
7. Read books.

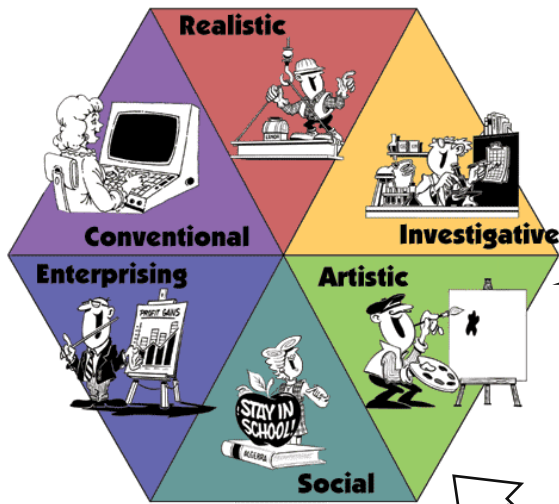
What are the questions I should be asking myself as I come up with my career plan?

Am I doing what I can now to be prepared?



What should I consider as I make my future plans?

Think about your short-range and your long-term goals. What classes, programs, and options do you want to take in high school? What lifestyle do you want down the road? There is so much to consider as you plan. **Don't give up what you want most for what you want now.**



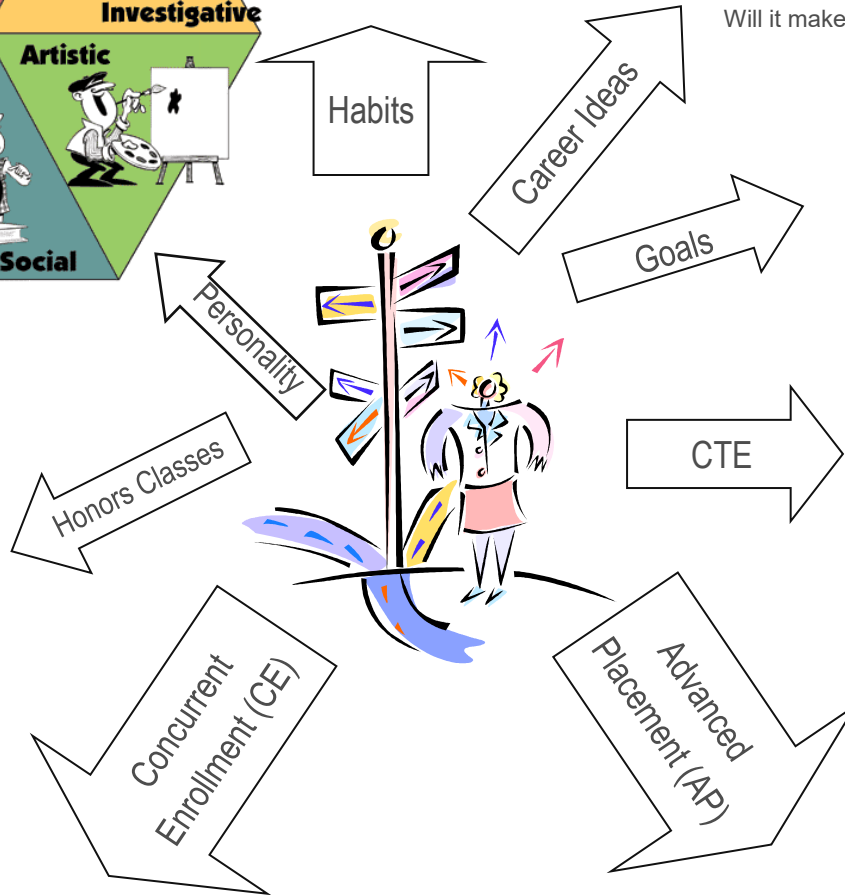
Build great study habits this year. Great study habits are the foundation of future success.

Start thinking now about what skills and knowledge you will need to have the job you want. Does it fit your personality? Will it give you the lifestyle you want? Does it fit your values? Will you like doing it everyday? Will it make you happy?

Make SMART goals every year. Plan ahead. Don't miss out on opportunities.

These are the classes that help you explore possible career pathways and build skills for life. Skills certifications are available in all eight CTE Areas of Study. The certificates you earn can be used as evidence of your accomplishments when you seek a job or apply for further education and training.

If you are earning A's and B's in your core classes, consider challenging yourself by taking an Honors level class. These are also great stepping stones to AP courses as well as college preparation.



Start building your college transcript by taking CE classes! CE classes are college classes taught in high school. In order to earn the college credit, students must apply to the university offering the credit, pay the application fee (usually around \$30-\$40), and pay \$5 per credit hour. REMEMBER: it is important to pass these classes because it is permanent on your college transcript!

These classes are college level courses that require students to fully commit to that level of learning. Expect to put a lot in, but the skills and experience you receive will benefit you in many areas of your life.

Great websites to visit:

Keys to Success

This is a great web-site that has career information, college information and career assessments. It has test preparation, scholarship information, and GREAT planning tools. Check out this site at www.ktsutah.org.

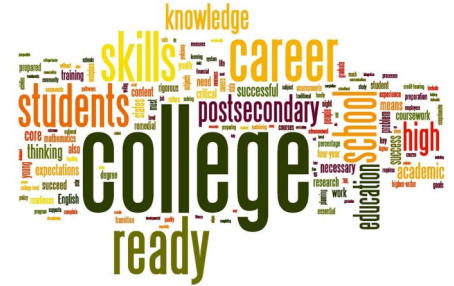
MJH Counseling Center website

This is a great web-site that has registration forms, presentations, course catalogs, and program information. Check out this site at millcreekjr.davis.k12.ut.us/parents-students/counseling-center.

Graduation Requirements

These are the four requirements that you must meet to graduate from high school:

1. You must have 27 credits.
2. You must complete the following classes:
 - 4.0 English
 - 9th Grade English (1.0)
 - 10th Grade English (1.0)
 - 11th Grade English (1.0)
 - 12th Grade English (1.0)
 - 3.0 Social Studies
 - World Geography (0.5)
 - World Civilization (1.0)
 - US History (1.0)
 - US Government & Citizenship (0.5)
 - 3.0 Science
 - Physical Science (1.0)
 - Life Science (1.0)
 - Other Science (1.0)
 - 3.0 Math (3 full years)
 - 1.5 Physical Education (0.5 Fit for Life—required)
 - 0.5 Health
 - 1.5 Fine Arts
 - 1.0 Career & Technical Education (CTE)
 - 0.5 Digital Studies
 - 0.5 Financial Literacy
 - 8.5 Elective credits
3. You must make up all "U's."
4. You must pass the US citizenship test.



Taking a foreign language is **not** a requirement to graduate from the Davis School District.

Foreign language is required to be admitted to some universities out-of-state. Many of these schools require more than two years of a consecutive foreign language.

No colleges or universities require foreign language for admission in Utah, but they all recommend it.

Plan ahead and don't miss out on an out-of-state college opportunity because you did not meet admissions requirements.

Letter of Completion (LOC)

What is the Letter of Completion?

- It is a letter from Weber State University stating all General Education (GE) requirements are fulfilled.
- The LOC can be presented to any State University or College and their GE requirements are waived, even if they are different.

Why do I need to know about the LOC?

- There are a total of 39 college credits to complete the GE requirements for a college degree. You can earn these credits in high school by taking a combination of AP and CE classes. Save time and money!
- You save money earning a LOC versus aiming for an Associates degree to transfer between schools. A year of college is 30 credit hours. (i.e. a Bachelors degree is 120 credit hours).
- It locks in classes as completed, such as the Math 1050 requirement. If a student were to take a couple of years off from school, they would not have to retake any classes.

What is the difference between CE and AP credit?

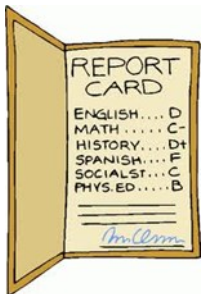
CE: Concurrent Enrollment

- Costs about \$40.00 registration fee and \$15.00 per class
- Enrolled in high school and college class at the same time.
- Work hard in class all year and learn the material.
- Earn a grade for the class that goes on high school and college transcript.



AP: Advanced Placement

- Costs about \$100.00 per class
- Work hard in class all year and learn the material.
- Take the GIANT AP TEST in May.
- Pass the test and earn credit for the class. The test is scored 1-5. A passing score is 3 or higher.

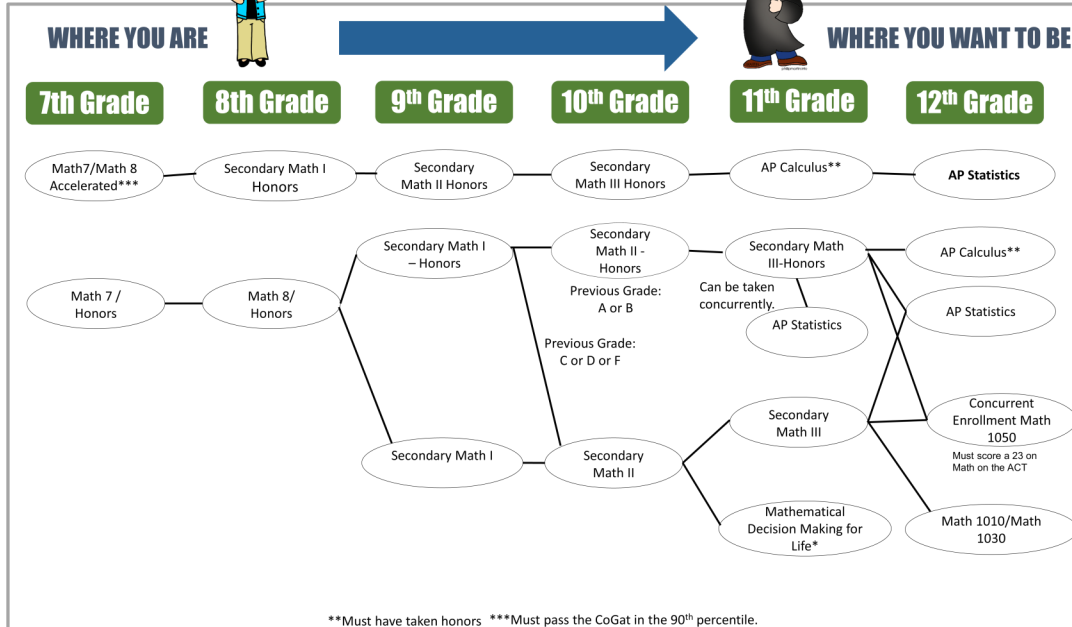


ANY HIGH SCHOOL		ANY COLLEGE	
Grade	Grade Point Average	Grade	Grade Point Average
A	4.0	A	4.0
B	3.0	B	3.0
C	2.0	C	2.0
D	1.0	D	1.0
F	0.0	F	0.0
W	0.0	W	0.0
U	0.0	U	0.0

Which math do I take?

Math Flow Chart

Plan For Your Future



Contact Us

To speak to a counselor, or set up an appointment, please call our counseling secretaries, Mrs. Hadley or Mrs. Rose at 801-402-6207.

Last names beginning with A-K:

Email Ms. Cox at
acox@dsdmail.net

Last names beginning with L-Z:

Email Mrs. Smith at
etsmith@dsdmail.net

Class Information

Digital Studies

Computer literacy is a foundational element of success in today's technology driven world. There are seven different classes that you can choose from to satisfy this requirement to graduate from high school.

- Exploring Computer Science
- Digital Business Technology
- Web Development
- CE Business Office
- CE Computer Science Principals
- Computer Programming 1
- Computer Programming 2

World Languages

It is a great idea to learn another language. It helps you communicate with others, get a job and get paid more in a job. We strongly recommend this especially if you are planning on going out-of-state to college. At MJH, we offer Spanish.

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What counts as fine arts credit?

1. Art classes
2. Choir
3. Band
4. Orchestra
5. Theater

Application classes

You must fill out the application for these classes. The application link can be found on the Millcreek Junior High Counseling page under Registration.

They include:

1. Teacher's Assistant
2. Office Aide
3. Copy Assistant
4. Library Assistant
5. Peer Tutor—Colby
6. Peer Tutor—King
7. Peer Tutor—Math during RAP
8. Yearbook

CTE Classes

Classes to choose from in 9th grade:

1. Food/Nutrition 1
2. Sewing Construction/Textile
3. Photography
4. Exploring Tech 2
5. Manufacturing Pinterest to Projects
6. Engineering Principles 1
7. Engineering Principles 2
8. Exploring Business and Marketing

Student Success Skills:

- Time management
- Good study habits
- Always prepared
- Review notes daily — no cramming
- Set study time each day
- Set attainable goals
- Concentration
- Good note-taking
- Completion of assignments
- Organizational skills
- Motivation
- Commitment

What is Released Time?

It is a class called Seminary. It is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but it is open to teenagers of all faiths. Everyone is welcome.