

BOE Curriculum and Student Development Committee Meeting 1/10/23

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College and Career Center Update

Old space: Formal, stale atmosphere; individual desks with computer stations, large conference table; outdated technology/projector

New space: Modern, casual atmosphere, comfortable seating in a collaborative/interactive arrangement; promethean board for presenters



Objectives for 2023

- Support students with their **exploration** of college and career options
 - individual and group meetings, classroom lessons
- Enhance student learning with **community based experiences**
 - field trips, guest speakers, other special events
- Develop **community partnerships** for experiential learning opportunities
 - job shadowing, internships

Career Exploration Sessions for Classmen

- Every 9th and 10th grade student scheduled for a time to complete *Career Interest Profiler* utilizing Naviance
- Assessment identified student's top *Holland Traits* (Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, Conventional)
- Students selected one or more careers to investigate
- Students reviewed DHHS course options as they relate to *National Career Clusters* and identified relevant courses to pursue next year

Career/College Exploration Sessions for classmen

- Individual meetings
 - Developing and/or refining plans
 - Assistance with college research and application process
- Workshops/group sessions
 - Common application
 - Resume
- SEL curriculum work in progress
 - Curriculum to include lessons and activities with college and career counselor for all juniors and seniors

Community Based Experiences

Past events:

- Lee Company Field Trip - October 2022
- Gateway Community College Visit - December 2022
- Goodwin University's Mobile Manufacturing Lab - December 2022

Upcoming events:

- Electric Boat Presentation - January 2023
- Porter and Chester Institute Visit- January 2023
- Middlesex Health Career Day- March 2023

DHHS students exploring options



Community Partnerships

- Local businesses and organizations
 - Chamber of Commerce (Madison, Shoreline, Greater New Haven)
 - Madison Rotary
 - Identifying/contacting various businesses in the area
- Colleges and universities
 - Goodwin University
 - Quinnipiac University
- DHHS alumni
 - Recent visits with USCGA and VA Tech students
 - 2022 grads - Q&A with seniors this spring
- College & Career Counselor network
 - Collaboration with local high schools