



COLLEGE, CAREER, AND MILITARY READINESS

Futures Are Created Here

In GISD, the College, Career, and Military Readiness Team works collaboratively with school counselors, CCMR specialists and representatives, district and campus staff, and community stakeholders with the goal of developing graduates that are prepared for success in a globally competitive workforce. Early exposure to career exploration offers students a glimpse into potential career fields and the ability to develop their strengths and skills before even setting foot on a high school campus. Without the pressure of graduation being just around the corner, students in the lower grade levels are afforded the chance to explore careers in a low-stakes environment.

- Elementary school - counselors begin introducing various career possibilities focusing on an exploration of the many different careers in our community.
- Middle School - students will begin to look at courses they can take in middle school for high school credit. In eighth grade, students begin to learn about college, career, and military pathway and graduation requirements, and they start the process of "four-year planning" in order to create Personal Graduation Plans (PGPs).
- High school - counselors work with students to refine their courses and graduation plans as their interests change. Additionally, each high school campus has a CCMR specialist or CCMR representative who takes the lead on helping students in their post-secondary pursuits.

Future Readiness Fairs for all grade levels are held annually. Elementary school students are exposed to a variety of inspiring college and career possibilities with opportunities to explore high school pathways that match their aspirations. The Future Readiness Fair offers middle and high school students the opportunity to explore career opportunities and meet prospective employers and representatives from military branches. Students will be able to visit with representatives from different career paths, and discuss the admissions process, funding options for college, and other paths to success.

School Counselors and the CCMR Team help students explore their interests using programs such as [Texas OnCourse](#) to plan out their four years in high school with specific courses that align with their interests. Part of this process includes exposure to [Career and Technical Education Courses \(CTE\)](#) that students can take in high school.

We are eager to partner with you in creating the future your student(s) desire. If you would like additional information, please email:

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