

# Early College & Career Planning

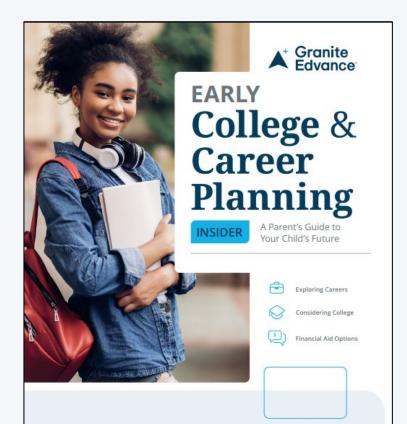
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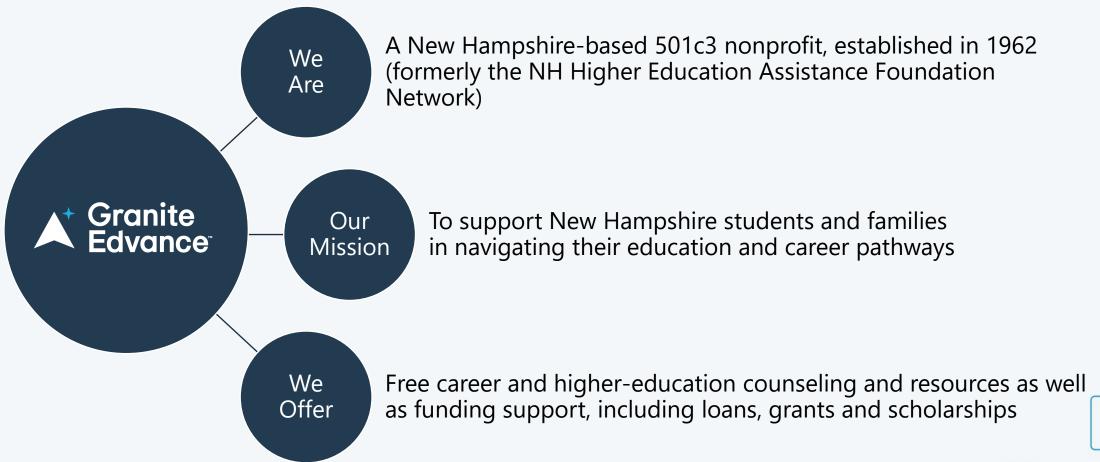
Granite Edvance, formerly the NHHEAP Network, is a 60 year-old nonprofit whose mission is to support NH students and families in navigating their education and career pathways. We offer college and career planning support at no cost, as well as scholarships, grants, and a private student loan. Learn more: <u>GraniteEdvance.org</u>



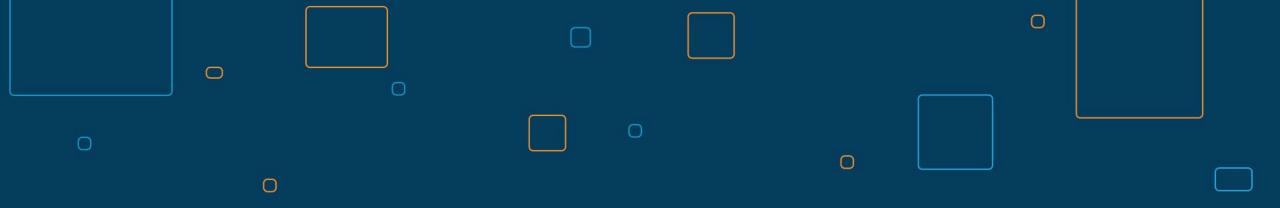
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### SCAN ME!

# Introducing Granite Edvance







# Pathways and Prep

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### **Future Pathways**

Four-year college - Bachelor's degree

Two-year college (Community College) – Associate degree

Transfer pathways (two-year college to four-year college)

Professional & Certificate programs - community colleges, trade schools

Apprenticeships / On-the-job training

Military

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### Prepare Your Student Academically

Colleges look for a solid academic record with challenging coursework and consistency

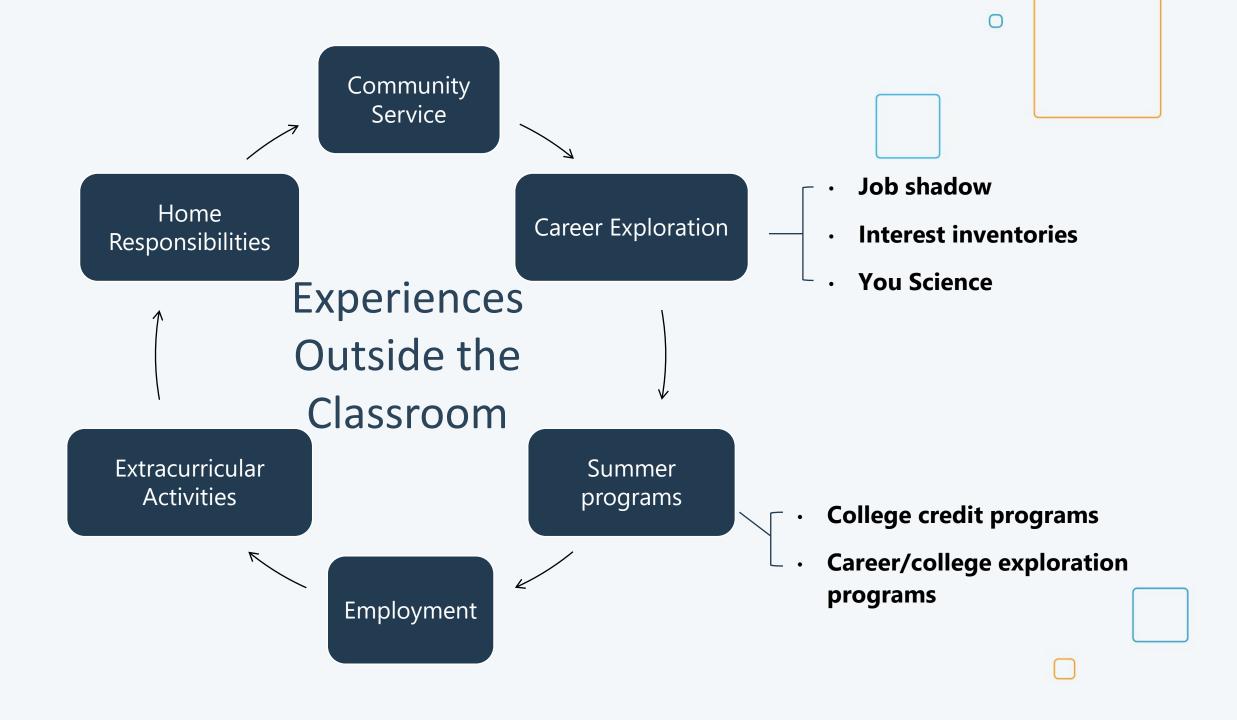
- Ensure correct academic path and all college prep requirements are being met
- Encourage going above and beyond high school graduation requirements
- Help create a four-year plan that preserves options after high school graduation
- Highest level course comfortable with while maintain a B- or better



# **NH Scholars Program**

- Encourages students to take rigorous course selection
- Provides solid structure and incentives for students to challenge themselves to reach their full potential
- Students choose from:
  - Standard core course of study
  - STEM pathway
  - Arts pathway
  - Career pathway
- NH Scholars are eligible for scholarships and college application fee waivers
  - <u>nhscholars.org</u>





### Unsure about the future?

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• Explore and identify a student's natural aptitudes, strengths, and skills

- Match a student's aptitudes and interests to best fit careers
- Affirm interests or open new avenues of possibility

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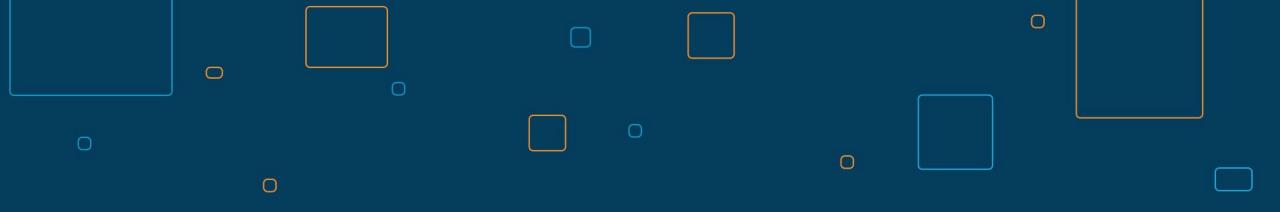
# Earn College Credit in High School

Early College- At	Early College-	Early College	Project Lead the
High School	College Campus	Online	Way
<ul> <li>Community colleges courses taken at high school</li> <li>Taught by credentialed high school teachers</li> <li>Dual high school AND college credit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Courses taken on the campus of a NH Community College</li> <li>College credit</li> <li>If high school credit is desired, student must arrange with school counselor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community college courses offered 100% online</li> <li>Dual high school AND college credit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students are able to explore college programs &amp; careers in engineering or technology</li> <li>Sequence of courses as part of high school curriculum</li> </ul>

# **Additional Opportunities**

Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Experiential and technical training to get prepared for college and careers
VLACS.org	Online Early College Program - earn college credit while attending high school!
Advanced Placement (AP)	Tackle college-level classes at your high school and have the chance to earn college credit and placement
ELO – Extended Learning Opportunity	Learning experiences that happen outside the traditional classroom

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# Paying for College

# Cost of College

- Net price, not sticker price
- Have the "money talk" early in the college process



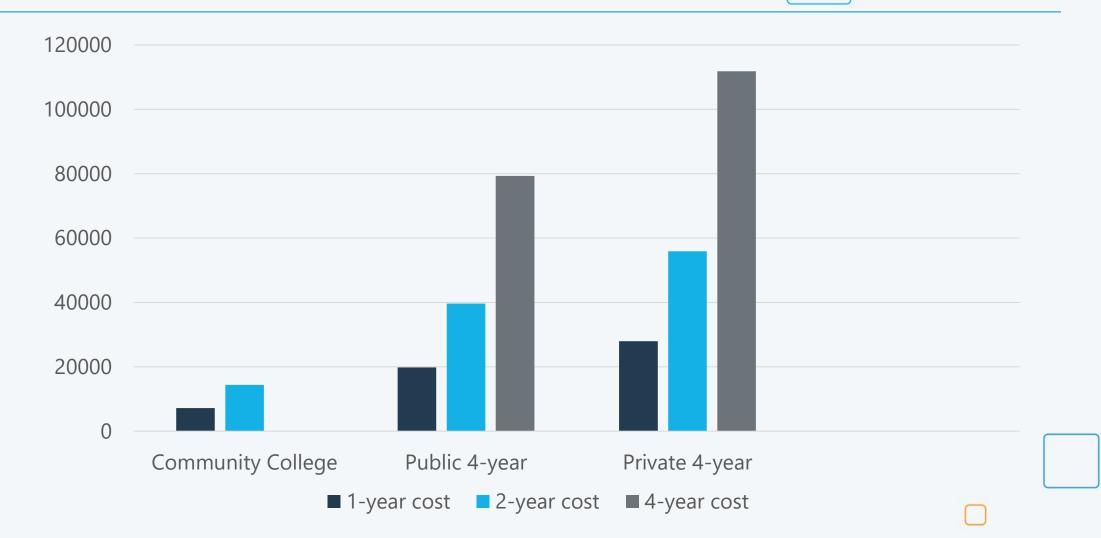
#### **Net Price Calculators**

- Different from college to college
- Estimate of potential financial aid
  - Must file the FAFSA and any other required financial aid forms

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• Find the NPC by using the search box on a college website or Google

### What could it cost me?



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# **Types of Financial Aid**

Scholarships	<ul> <li>Free money</li> <li>Merit-based (academic, athletic, artistic, community service, etc.)</li> </ul>
Grants	<ul> <li>Free money</li> <li>Need-based (Pell Grant, FSEOG, institutional)</li> </ul>
Loans	<ul> <li>Must be repaid</li> <li>Federal, private (may require a co-signer)</li> </ul>
Work Study	<ul><li>Student earns paycheck</li><li>Does not reduce student's bill</li></ul>

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# How Do Students/Families Pay for College?

- Financial aid from federal government, states, and individual colleges
  - Fill out FASFA fall of senior year
  - Complete CSS Profile if required by individual schools
- Payment plans/cash flow
- Dedicated college savings
- Student and/or parent loans



# Other Ways to Save







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#### **Granite Guarantee**

Provides free tuition to full-time, Pell-eligible students attending a NH public college

#### **Tuition Break**

Allows New England residents to enroll at outof-state New England public colleges and universities at a discounted tuition rate

#### **Community College**

Offers a more affordable option for students at a price of \$215 a credit

# Help Students Prepare for the Future

- Self-Advocacy
  - Communicate needs with teachers, coaches, employer
  - Discuss course schedules/future plans with school counselors
- Make their own appointments
- Do their own paperwork/check-in at appointments
- Create appropriate e-mail address for career or college planning
- Develop strategies for staying organized
- Communicate and ask questions



# Questions

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Schedule an appointment:

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