

GRADES

11 & 12

Welcome!

Learning Partnership Guide

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

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- 1.**
THE EARLY YEARS:
Building the foundation
- 2.**
WHOLE CHILD:
Thriving, confident, responsible individuals
- 3.**
ACTIVE LEARNERS:
Engaged, empowered critical thinkers
- 4.**
CONTENT-AREA COMPETENCE:
Mastery of all subjects
- 5.**
PERSISTENCE TO GRADUATION:
High school graduation through successful transitions



11th and 12th grades are important years in your scholar's life. Your scholar is completing high school and planning for their future. This guide provides an overview of the academic standards and social-emotional milestones that your child will experience this year. Academic standards are important because they help ensure that all scholars are prepared for success. This guide provides ideas of supporting your child as they begin to make plans for their future. Use this guide to help you speak with your child's teacher about their progress and growth over the year as well as to begin planning for your child's post-secondary experience.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English classes in 11th and 12th grade focus on reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language standards. Scholars focus on reading and rereading complex fiction and nonfiction materials. They become skilled at gathering information, evaluating sources, and citing material accurately. Scholars make and defend claims/arguments to show what they understand about what they have read and researched. Scholars focus on speaking clearly and listening attentively. They express their own ideas and build on the ideas of others.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In 11th and 12th grade social studies classes, scholars apply their deeper understanding of social studies concepts to course content. Students explore major themes to develop an understanding of the roots of current events. Scholars will also practice literacy standards as they use essential questions and inquiry to work on skills such as reading, speaking, writing, and thinking like a historian. Scholars hone their ability to gather and evaluate information, and then use that information as evidence to support a claim.

11th grade social studies focus on U.S. History from 1877 to present. Scholars consider multiple accounts of events and issues in order to understand the politics, economics, geography, and history of this country from a variety of perspectives.

12th grade social studies focus on exploring pressing issues in our world today. Scholars examine local, state, tribal and national governments, as well as global themes rooted in environmental issues, human rights and civic action.

MATH

The high school math standards are organized around five conceptual categories: number and quantity, algebra, functions, geometry, and statistics and probability. These standards allow students to practice applying mathematical ways of thinking to real world issues and challenges, preparing students to think and reason mathematically. In addition, high school standards set a rigorous definition of college and career readiness by demanding students develop a depth of understanding and an ability to apply mathematics to novel situations, as college students and employees regularly do.

SCIENCE

During grades 9–12, your child will begin to form deeper connections between concepts and skills previously learned in grades 6–8, such as applying statistics to scientific questions, evaluating limitations of models, and creating algorithms to solve problems. The four major strands of science are: physical sciences, life sciences, earth and space sciences, and engineering design.

TECH SKILLS

- Revise work using feedback provided by multiple, online audiences.
- Independently design and publish multimedia content.
- Select technology to fit personal needs and style.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL *grades 11 & 12 milestones*

- Relationship with family is easy and giving
- Feel comfortable in own skin; secure sense of self
- Start to view parents as people, rather than rule-makers
- Friendships are very important; most have a diverse friend group with shared interests
- Romantic relationships can be quite intense; search for intimacy
- Ability to make commitments and follow through
- Desire for respect and want adult leadership roles
- Start to accept and enjoy their own uniqueness, but still seek approval from peer groups
- Look for confidence of others in their decisions
- Can see self from the viewpoint of others
- Begin to take fewer risks
- Able to initiate and carry out their own tasks without the supervision of others
- Begin to search for career possibilities



Ways to talk with your child's teacher

- Ask to see a sample of your child's work.
- Ask the teacher questions such as: Is this piece of work satisfactory? How could it be better? Is my child on track?
- How can I help my child improve or excel in this area?
- If my child needs extra support or wants to learn more about a subject, are there resources to help their learning outside the classroom?



Ways to talk with your child's teacher

- Where is my child excelling? How can I support this success?
- What do you think is giving my child the most trouble? How can I help my child improve in this area?
- Are there options provided by the school for enrichment experiences in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM areas) or for scholars having difficulty in mathematics?

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q: *Who do I contact if I have a concern about my child?*

A: First, always contact your scholar's teacher/s and discuss your concern. If your concern has not been fully addressed, you can contact the school counselor or principal.

Q: *How do I stay informed about my child's progress in every class he or she takes?*

A: ParentVUE allows you to see all of your child's courses, assignments, and current grades. If you have a concern about your child's grade, first, ask your child to speak with their teacher in that class. Your child should ask what they can do to improve the grade and make a plan to do so. If you are still concerned, contact your child's teacher directly to see how you can support your child's success in that class.

high school & beyond plan CHECKLIST

Each year, middle and high school scholars are required to complete components to build their High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP).

GRADE 11

This is the year to start narrowing down what you would like to do after high school. By the end of this year scholars should have a top ten list of post-secondary institutions that they are interested in attending after high school. Take advantage of college and career tour opportunities and meetings with college and career representatives at your school. Keep your grades up and enroll in an advanced course or stretch class.

REQUIRED

SEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Panorama Survey. Complete the Learning & Productivity Assessment. Complete the Interest Profiler Assessment.
OCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create/update 4 SMART Goals for the year in the Portfolio Section (College, Career, Financial Aid and Academic). Take the PSAT and potentially qualify for the National Merit and other scholarships. The PSAT is also good practice for the SAT.
NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a plan for completing your required 24 hours of community service (www.fwps.org/communityservice). Update your Career List. Review graduation requirements at Scholar Led Conferences (SLC) and create a plan to stay on track with your HSBP.
DEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 3–6 post-secondary pathway choices such as training, certificate and/or employment. If your pathway is not listed in the college section, then complete a journal entry to list the pathway you are pursuing.
JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Transcript and create and update your Academic Planner in the Academic Plan Section in preparation for course registration.
FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and/or update your Resume.
MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the SAT for free during the SAT School Day Test. This is good practice for your next opportunity to take the SAT for free your senior year in October.
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and assess your 4 SMART Goals for the year in the Portfolio Section (College, Career, Financial Aid and Academic).

For the district calendar go to www.fwps.org/schoolcalendar

GRADE 12

There are many important deadlines this year, so organization and timeliness are critical. By the end of this year, scholars should have selected their post-secondary path based on multiple applications to post-secondary institutions and finding their best match for success toward their future goals and career.

REQUIRED

SEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Panorama Survey. Complete Interest Profiler Assessment in the Explore Section.
OCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the FAFSA/WASFA and mark as completed in the Financial Aid Activity/Task list after you have uploaded confirmation of your completion in your Maia Drive. Update your Career List by clicking the Heart icon and clicking <i>Add to Career Plan</i> in the Career Plan Section and review career plan summaries.
NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a plan for completing your required 24 hours of community service (www.fwps.org/communityservice). Apply to 1–3 post-secondary pathway choices such as college (Target School, Likely School and Stretch School), training, certificate and/or employment. Complete and apply for a minimum of one local, state or national scholarship.
DEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Career Plan Essay prompt in your Journal in the Portfolio Section and begin drafting your essay. Create/update your Resume under the Portfolio Section. Request one or more letters of recommendation.
JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Scholarship status by selecting Scholarship to Add Scholarship Award.
FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete final Career Plan Essay in your Journal in the Portfolio Section and upload your Post-Secondary Acceptance, Enrollment, Employment or Application into your MaiaDrive.
MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload your Post-Secondary Acceptance, Enrollment, Employment or Application. Present your Career Plan Essay, Assessment Results, Resume, Scholarship, Post-Secondary Pathway, Acceptance, Enrollment, Employment or Application at SLCs, Advisories or Senior Exit Interviews.
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and assess your 4 SMART Goals for the year in the Portfolio Section (College, Career, Financial Aid and Academic).
JUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete your Senior Exit Survey and pay fines in order to walk at the graduation ceremony.

GETTING READY FOR college & career

PREPARING FOR *post-secondary success*

- PSAT & SAT School Day
 - 12th graders: Complete your FAFSA application
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for Student Financial Aid (WASFA) is an essential step for all high school seniors who anticipate graduating in June. A completed application opens the door to scholarships and grants, with financial support available for four-year, two-year colleges and career schools where scholars can receive professional certifications. FAFSA is the document that scholars should use unless they are undocumented, then they should use the WASFA.



OUR COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES

All scholars learn best when they experience physical and emotional safety in classrooms and schools. Scholars and families should expect to see the following adult actions:

- Provide a welcoming environment to support building trusting, encouraging relationships with all families.
- Prioritize scholar voice and participation in shaping the learning and classroom culture.
- Teach for understanding to assure scholars have high expectations and academic supports to grow intellectually.
- Focus on scholar cooperation to encourage scholars to learn from and help others.
- Implement school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports so that all scholars and adults live out their shared beliefs and actions that make school a safe and fun place to learn.



ATTENDANCE

Scholars who maintain good attendance through all years of school:

- Achieve grade level standard at a higher rate
- Graduate from high school at a higher rate
- Develop good habits that contribute to success in school and in future careers

For each day a scholar is absent it takes an average of three days to catch up.



BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The purpose behind Culturally-Responsive Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (CR-PBIS) is to make schools more effective, efficient, and equitable learning environments for all scholars. By teaching scholars expectations and acknowledging positive behavior, adults increase the predictability, consistency, positive climate, and safety of all at school. Social emotional learning skills are embedded throughout the school year. To learn more about CR-PBIS and social emotional learning at your school, contact your scholar's teacher or principal.

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN

Scholars should begin mapping out their High School & Beyond Plans and find out about what courses to take that will lead to specific post-secondary education, training and college plans. Grade level specific High School & Beyond Checklists can be found at www.fwps.org/CCR. Scholars can also use their www.MaiaLearning.com account to plan and discover more using interest surveys, academic planning tools and scholarships, and college and career searches. Go to MaiaLearning.com, select "Sign In with Google" and use your P12 Gmail account and password.

COURSE PERFORMANCE



GRADES 10-12 ▶ Passing an advanced course (AP, IB, CAMBRIDGE)

GRADE 9 ▶ Passing grade 9 courses earning 6 credits

GRADES 8-9 ▶ Passing Algebra 1

GRADES 6-7 ▶ Passing ELA and Math courses

GRADE 3 ▶ Reading on grade level

GRADES K-2 ▶ Learning how to read

Family Resources

The resources below will help connect you and your child with important learning for this school year.

We are committed to a bright future for your child!



Digital Communications Tools in Federal Way Public Schools



Canvas

Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS) that provides students and parents access to digital learning, classroom(s) weekly schedules, and more. To access Canvas, go to FWPS' Launchpad to Learning at <https://learn.fwps.org>. Your child's username is their Student ID, and their password is the same one used to log in to computers at school.



Phone Calls

Teachers may contact you using a calling system. You may notice the number may appear from a different area code than our geographical area.



Texting

Staff texting to parents and students

Communication tools are used by staff such as teachers to communicate with parents via email, texting and voice and students via email. Texting is available for students ages 13 & over. Students and parents are automatically opted in. For more information and on how to opt out, visit www.fwps.org.

School and district-wide texting to parents

Texting is also available from your child's school and the school district. More information can be found here: www.fwps.org/parentnotification.



Zoom Meetings

For some families, video conferences will be the best way to connect with your child's teacher. Your child's teacher may send you an invitation to participate in a Zoom video conference. To access this meeting on a computer, click on the link provided in the invitation. To access this meeting over the phone, you can call the number provided or download the Zoom mobile app at <https://www.zoom.us/download>.

Did you know our website is translatable in our top languages?

To change the language on the FWPS website:

- Go to www.fwps.org
- Click on the 'Translation' at the top right of the webpage
- Select your preferred language from the drop-down menu

Does your child(ren) need access to a computer to access their learning at home?

Please indicate technology access needs for your child during the online registration process. If you have questions or need assistance, contact your child's school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
How-to videos and resources can be found on our website at www.fwps.org



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ParentVUE is your way to check your child's grades, attendance and communicate with your child's teacher. To access ParentVUE, visit <https://grades.fwps.org>.

Parents and guardians, make sure your contact information is up to date!

In order to receive communications from the district, school and school staff, it's important that your contact information in your ParentVUE account is current.

You can update your account by visiting <https://grades.fwps.org>.

If you have not activated your ParentVUE account, please contact your child's school. To receive voice messages, ensure you have entered a mobile or home phone, and selected the corresponding type.

ParentVUE allows for two-way communication between teachers and parents in **multiple languages**. To receive messages in a language other than English, please set your preferred language on the login page of ParentVUE or on the mobile app.

When your child's teacher sends a message through ParentVUE, you will receive an email containing the message. To respond to this message, you must login to your ParentVUE account. (Do not respond to the noreply@fwps.org email notification.)

If you need assistance with ParentVUE, visit www.fwps.org/families or email grades@fwps.org.

The **Parent Portal** is the place where you will find all needs related to your child's learning! Visit www.fwps.org/families to find frequently asked questions, links to common resources, "How to" videos related to digital resources, and more.

Launchpad to Learning is a one-stop online location that provides access to all school applications and educational resources.

Check it out at: <https://learn.fwps.org>.

