

College & Career Readiness

Summer 2024 Lunch & Learn



Your Team

School Counselor
Career Coach
Coordinator of Post-Secondary Engagement
Director of College and Career Readiness
School Administrators

Objectives

- Participants will become knowledgeable of the Career Exploration opportunities in our district.
- Participants will be able to identify and submit Post-Secondary Plans and have funding sources for those plans.
- Participants will know how to acquire a College and Career Readiness Indicator and understand the significance of these indicators.

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What's Your E?



In a post-secondary institution or training program



In a branch of the military



In a high-wage, high-demand career field

Career Exploration in TCS-TCTA

Agriculture/Agriscience
Animal Science
Animation
Barbering
Computer Science
Construction Technology
Cosmetology*
Educators in Training
Electrical
Emergency and Fire Management Services
Food and Beverage Services*
Health Science



Career Exploration in TCS- TCTA

Modern Manufacturing*
STEM-PLTW Engineering
Sports Medicine
TV Productions
Welding*

*Dual enrollment opportunities through SSCC



Local School Pathways

Finance Management
Business Information Management
Food, Wellness and Dietetics
Marketing



Turn and Talk

Share with a table partner your experience with TCS career technical education.

Xello

College and Career Exploration

Students learn about fields of study, industries, and specific occupations; create short and long term goals to achieve post-graduation success; and understand the connection between school courses and the working world.

Course Selection & Transcript Audit

Xello fully integrates with PowerSchool and allows students to explore and select courses that satisfy specific diploma and endorsement requirements.

Xello

Scholarship Database

Students can begin exploring scholarships by filling out a short profile. The questions answered will match the student with national, institutional, state, and school-added scholarships. This helps students save time by surfacing scholarships they have a higher chance of winning.

College Planning

Students use the College Planning tool to begin researching schools they're interested in, view scholarships, and begin thinking about the application process. Once in 12th grade, they can then access the College applications tracker to action items, manage deadlines, track their application progress, and admissions decisions for each institution.

Parent Portal (New 24-25)



Xello family accounts are launching for the 24-25 school year. This allows supporting adults to see student work and even engage with the Xello curriculum and activities to

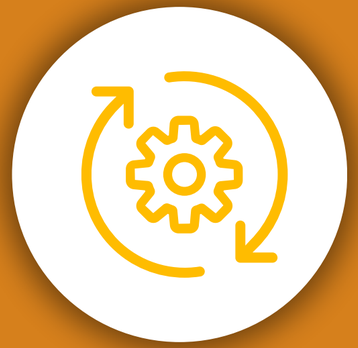
Work-based Learning Documentation

All Co-op forms, documents, and requirements will be uploaded into the Xello platform beginning with the 24-25 school year.

Common App + Xello



Common App



Xello

Once students sync their Common App account with Xello, they use both apps to track their college applications. When they save a college in Common App, it's synced to their Xello account. Students can request that educators fill out and send documents, including recommendation letters.

Connecting Xello and Common App

1. Create Common App Account
2. Complete FEPRA Waiver
3. Log in to Xello and go to the **College Applications** Sections
4. Click the **Connect** button in the banner at the top of the page
5. You will be redirected to the Common App website.
6. Colleges Added to your **My Colleges** tab in Common App will sync with Application Tracker in Xello
7. Click on one of your college choices in Xello
8. Under **Application Checklist**, select “Assign Counselor”

College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRIs)

State Requirements:
Class of 2026 will be the first class required to have a CCRI to graduate.

ACT

Earn benchmark score on **one** ACT section = English (18), Math (22), Reading (22), Science (23)

ACT WorkKeys

Earn benchmark score on **all** ACT WorkKeys sections = Applied Math (4), Graphic Literacy (4), Workplace Documents (4)

AP

Earn qualifying score on an AP exam = 3

CTE

Earn recognized credential within Career Tech course

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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STILLMAN

Earn college credit through dual enrollment

UNITED STATES MILITARY

Enlist in the military

International Baccalaureate

Earn qualifying score on an IB exam

CTE x3

Earn Completer status within a Career Tech program

ADA

Participate in a registered apprenticeship

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Post-Secondary Plans



It is the expectation of Tuscaloosa CIty Schools that all seniors will have a confirmed plan before they graduate.

If they do not, we will meet to discuss their interests and ways to explore options.

Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment allows eligible high school students to enroll in college classes concurrently with high school classes.

Tuscaloosa City Schools offers dual enrollment opportunities through Auburn First, Shelton State Community College, Stillman College, and The University of Alabama Early College.

Some dual enrollment courses, known as dual credit courses, allow students to simultaneously earn college credit and high school credit.

TCS's recognized dual credit courses are found on the TCS Dual Credit Crosswalk.

Dual Enrollment



Consider Dual Enrollment for elective options and CTE Credentials.

Endorsements

Tuscaloosa City Schools recognizes that success is measured in a variety of ways. While everyone is required to take certain important core classes, endorsements are the truly personal part of your high school experience. These are called ‘majors’ in college; the subjects you are most interested in and good at that will give you specialized knowledge and skills to prepare you for the future. All students must select at least one, but no more than 2 endorsement areas based on their career interests and goals to complete the required areas of graduation in the following areas:



Fine Arts & Humanities

Successfully complete 5 Social Science credits that meets graduation requirements in addition to one Social Science elective

Successfully complete 4 credits of the same language in a language other than English.

Successfully complete 2 credits of the same language in a language other than English and 2 credits of a different language in a language other than English.

Successfully complete a consistent sequence of 4 credits of courses in Fine Arts:

Multidisciplinary Studies

Successfully complete 4 credits in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit selected from the following:

Business and Industry

Successfully complete 3 or more credits in CTE that consists of at least 2 courses in the same CTE pathway

STEM

Successfully complete 5 credits in Science

Successfully complete 5 credits in either Technology and/or Engineering

Successfully complete 5 credits in Math by completing Geometry with Data Analysis, Algebra I with Probability, Algebra 2 with Statistics and 2 additional Math courses

Resources



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Scholarships

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Student Scholarships Newsletter

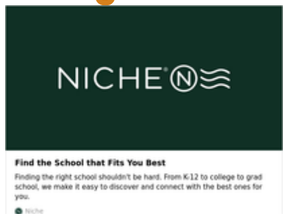
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Dual Enrollment

TCS Dual Enrollment One-Pager

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College searches and ratings



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Tuscaloosa City Schools Academic Guide



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Thank You

For Your Attention