

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN

The High School & Beyond Plan is a meaningful, individualized plan that assists scholars in constructing a pathway towards a future career path including current and future education required to realize that career path. This plan helps scholars stay engaged and on track towards graduation and prepared for success after high school. The High School & Beyond Plan also helps parents, teachers, and staff to better know and support scholars in meeting their future plans and aspirations.

Each year beginning in middle school, scholars work on their High School & Beyond Plan in class with the help of a teacher, counselor, or career specialist. These lessons help scholars reflect and learn about topics like earning credits towards graduation, exploring careers, budgeting, post-secondary options, and paying for college. Scholars set future goals, devise plans for meeting those goals, and reflect on their progress towards meeting those goals.

Each high school has copies of the high school and beyond plan, and schools will distribute and support the completion of grade level specific tasks at the beginning of the year. Please see your school counselor or college and career specialists for more details.

CAREER PLAN ESSAY REQUIREMENT

As part of Goal 5, Persistence to Graduation, seniors will graduate with a Career Plan Essay outlining at least one of these: college acceptance, military, trade/technical training, industry certification, apprenticeship. Scholars will begin working on their Career Plan Essay in middle school, adding information and experiences so that by graduation they have a clear, articulated plan.

- Scholars will begin their Career Plan Essay in 9th grade and develop it over the course of their high school experience.
- Scholars will develop and outline their career and education goals, including courses and experiences (such as community service) that will provide them with more information and preparation for their future.
- In their senior year Career Plan Essay, scholars will address the specific plans and actions they are taking after high school including, but not limited to, college acceptance, military, technical training, or apprenticeships.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Starting with the class of 2022, scholars must earn twenty-four (24) hours of Community Service Learning as one of their graduation requirements. Community service hours must be completed prior to the scholar's participation in a commencement ceremony and the granting of a diploma. Experience has shown that people who take great care in their decisions find the Community Service more relevant and make more meaningful connections with their community. The Community Service experience is a 24-hour active, community-based learning and service experience. This unique experience will allow scholars

the opportunity to apply identifiable classroom learning that demonstrates the skills necessary for transitioning from high school to post-high opportunities, and identify the Personalized Pathway in which their experience relates.

- We believe that the opportunities to serve our community compel scholars to shift from an inward focus on themselves to an outward focus on others.
- By making community service a priority at the school, we believe we will build a stronger, more vibrant, and more inclusive community.
- Not only will scholars be giving back to their community, but they will also have the opportunity to add this experience to their Career Plan Essay in the High School & Beyond Plan and their resume for college entrance or employment.

Visit our website for a link to our Community Service Guide: www.fwps.org/CommunityService

College and Career Exploration Tool and Online High School and Beyond Plan Portfolio

Federal Way Public Schools uses MaiaLearning career exploration and planning tool for scholars to learn about career and college options and document their High School & Beyond Plan. All scholars in grades 6–12 have an online account that can be accessed anywhere through the Internet.

Scholars can access their MaiaLearning account by visiting: www.maialearning.com and clicking "Sign in with Google" and login with their Gmail (P12) account (example: #####@p12fwps.org) and password.

Features of the College and Career Exploration Tool:

- Surveys to help scholars identify career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles.
- Detailed information about multitudes of careers, including suggested college programs and interviews with real people in each career.
- Comprehensive technical, two and four year and university, military program information and financial literacy, including search tools to help scholars find the right college and the right scholarships.
- The ability for scholars to apply and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions that accept the Common Application
- Advice for job search process, including networking, writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and adjusting to a job.

If you have questions about High School & Beyond Planning, please contact your School Counselor or Career and College Specialist.