

# Begin With The End In Mind...

*College and Career Readiness Program  
Olathe Northwest High School*

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# The Four Keys to College and Career Readiness

## THINK – Key Cognitive Strategies

- \*Problem Formulations*
- \*Research*
- \*Interpretation*
- \*Communication*

## KNOW – Key Content Knowledge

- \*Structure of Knowledge*
- \*Technical Skills*
- \*Challenge Level*
- \*Effort*

## GO – Key Transition Knowledge and Skills

- \*Postsecondary Awareness*
- \*Career Awareness*
- \*Role & Identity*
- \*Self-Advocacy*

## ACT – Key Learning Skills and Techniques

- \*Ownership of Learning*
- \*Learning Techniques*



# Where We Are.....

- o Many students have access to college and career readiness skills through the following programs:
- o **Testing day** (ACT Explore, ACT Plan, PSAT, ACT Prep, Career Exploration) – test score review
- o **AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination**
  - AVID strategies: Cornell notes, critical reading tasks, socratic seminars, tutorials

# Where We Are.....

## o College and Career Readiness elective course

### □ Students participate in activities including:

- Resume building
- Career/Major exploration
- College visits/College rep. presentations
- Financial aid/budgeting workshops
- Mock interviews
- Surviving life in college (time-management, organization, working with professors, living in dorms, etc.)



# Additional opportunities...

- Summer College Preparatory Academy
- Summer Leadership Camp
- College Planning Workshop for Parents

# Integration into School Improvement Plan

- o The skills taught in these courses have been a focus in our school improvement plan and the development of departmental SMART goals
- o But.....we're still not reaching EVERY student



# Our Vision...

**“At Olathe Northwest High School, all students will engage in sequentially programmed activities that foster college and career readiness skills essential to post-secondary success.”**

– Gwen Poss , Olathe Northwest Principal

# Freshmen Year





# Sophomore Year...

## *Integrated into the Language Arts curriculum*

- o **Olathe Northwest Career Initiative**
  - *Career Interest Development*
  - *Reminder of their personal career plan (Created their Freshmen year)*
- o **Guided Close Reading**
  - *Articles on current/future career trends*
- o **Guided Writing Response**
  - *State a claim and support that claim in a short response.*
  - *In-class writing, googledocs writing, moodle, etc...*

# Junior Year...

*Activities will be integrated into American History courses*

- o Review/update Personal Career Plan
- o College and Post-high school planning
  - Career shadows
  - Campus visits
  - College representative presentations
- o Resume building
- o Career fair
- o Students will have the opportunity for individual college and career planning with their counselor and parents



# Junior year continued.....

- o For more intensive college and career preparation, students may take the College Readiness elective during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- o ACT Preparatory Workshops
- o Summer – College Preparatory Academy

# Senior Year...

- o Students will continue activities from junior year individually and with the assistance of counselors
- o Seniors sign up for EDMODO to stay up-to-date on college and scholarship deadlines
- o Students may elect to take the senior College Readiness course
- o Students in the Human Services/Family & Community strand may continue in Career and Community Connections course (shadow opportunities in the human services field)



# Begin with the end in mind....

- When students graduate, they will have a **personalized career plan**
- Goal: To better prepare students to make the RIGHT post-high school decision

- o “College Readiness has helped me stay on track for my senior year. Scholarship searches have opened my eyes to what all is out there, and the college rep. visits made me consider schools I never thought of. It really benefitted me and I’m glad it’s offered!” – Rachel
- o College Readiness has equipped me for not only the next 4 years of my life, but for the next 30 with all of the career training we have completed.” – Ali
- o “College Readiness prepares you in every single way for life after high school. From exaggerating important deadlines to effective college application and essay tips, it has put me in the best possible position to succeed post-graduation.” – Christian
- o “College Readiness has given me the tools and opportunities that I needed to get organized for college. As the first child in my family to go off to college, it was extremely beneficial to have professional guidance in preparing for the next step in my life.” - Aubrye



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