



From the PHS Student Services Department

What is a Career Cluster?

A career cluster is a group of careers that share common features. If you like one job in a cluster, you will probably find other jobs in that cluster that you will like as well. There are 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters. Visit www.d211careercluster.org to see the District 211 courses that align with each cluster.

How do Career Clusters impact high school course selection?

Through Career Cruising students complete a Career Matchmaker inventory which generates two career clusters that align with their individual interests. Career interest is one factor that can help guide a student's choice of elective courses. District 211 has identified related coursework for each of the 16 career clusters.

Student career interests are always evolving. Counselors will work with students over the four years to provide them tools for both continuing career exploration and identifying possible post-high school options.



What's New With The Student Readiness Plan?

The **SRP** identifies five essential components of success: Academic Readiness, College and Career Exploration, Student Involvement, Global Competitive Skills and Wellness.

Counselors have been presenting group guidance lessons (mostly in homeroom) in association with these components according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday, November 7 - Thursday, November 8 we met with Sophomores in their English class about career direction - College & Career Exploration component
- Monday, November 12 - Wednesday, November 14 we met with Freshmen in their Biology class about career direction - College & Career Exploration component
- Friday, November 16 - Tuesday, November 20 we met with Freshmen in Homeroom about activities, athletics and Harper Promise - Involvement component

Please view or ask your students to show you their work in their **SRP**. Let us know if you have any questions.

Important Dates:

Schedule	
Sophomores	11/26-11/30
Schedule	
Freshmen	12/3 - 12/7
Schedule	
Juniors	12/10 - 12/14
Incoming Freshmen	
Parent Night	12/11
Final Exams	12/19 - 12/21
End of 1st Semester	12/21
Winter Break	12/24-1/4

Future Important Dates:

Institute Day (No School)	1/7
Opening of 2nd Semester	1/8
Martin Luther King Day(No school).	1/21
Late Start	1/22

