Developing an Academic and Post-Secondary Plan for Your Future
Baltimore County Public Schools is committed to graduating globally competitive students with post-graduation plans that align with their strengths, interests, and long-term career goals. In support of this mission, our district is offering every student in Grades 7 through 12 the opportunity to develop a 6 Year Plan. Each student meets annually with their School Counselor to develop the plan, which starts by identifying the student’s unique interests and aspirations in order to determine a rigorous high school course schedule leading to on-time graduation, and goals for college and career.

Parts of the 6 Year Plan

**STUDENT AMBITIONS**
Any academic plan should begin with the student’s interests. We ask questions on the 6 Year Plan survey to learn more about things like interests, hobbies, extracurricular involvement, favorite subjects in school and college and career aspirations.

**GOAL SETTING**
The second step in the 6 Year Plan process is to connect student ambitions to a plan for the future. An important component of academic advising is helping students to find the links between their aspirations and talents and their current and future coursework. Students create SMART Goals that can be viewed and tracked by their parents and their counselor.

**COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS**
The third step in the 6 Year Plan process is discussing courses that students can take that align with their ambitions and their future plans. Part of this process involves looking for opportunities to take more challenging courses wherever possible.

**EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES**
The fourth step in creating a 6 Year Plan is to discuss educational opportunities that may help each student to reach their individual goals. Students discuss with their School Counselor programs that may be available both inside and outside of BCPS and ways that your family can learn more about them.

Parents can learn more about the 6 Year Plan by logging into their Naviance account or contacting their child’s School Counselor.

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