

8TH GRADE PLAN FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS



Millcreek Junior High

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What does it mean to be college and career ready?

We want all students to have college and career goals that will prepare them to experience fulfilling lives, actively participate as educated citizens, and thrive in a competitive and global marketplace.

Plan now to succeed in the labor market that is Utah's future! By 2020, 66 percent of the jobs in Utah will require 1, 2, 4, or more years of education beyond high school.

What is my 4-year plan?

What you study now and learn in junior high and in high school will prepare you to be college and career ready. It is never too soon to start thinking about your future and what you need to do in school to be ready. If you plan now, you won't miss out on opportunities to take the classes you want. You may also take classes at other high schools if your school doesn't offer the class you want to take.

What should I be worrying about next year?

1. Take challenging classes in core academics.
2. Get good grades.
3. Be thinking ahead of what colleges you may want to attend. They may have a higher admission requirement than the Davis School District graduation requirement.
4. Talk to your counselor about your plan.
5. Talk to your parents about how you will finance your college costs.
6. Starting a file for all awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extra curricular activities.
7. Read books.

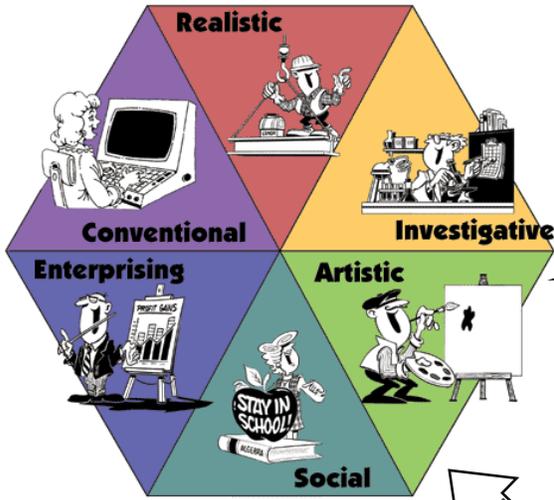
What are the questions I should be asking myself as I come up with my career plan?

Am I doing what I can now to be prepared?



What should I consider as I make my future plans?

Think about your short-range and your long-term goals. What classes, programs, and options do you want to take in high school? What lifestyle do you want down the road? There is so much to consider as you plan. Don't give up what you want most for what you want now.



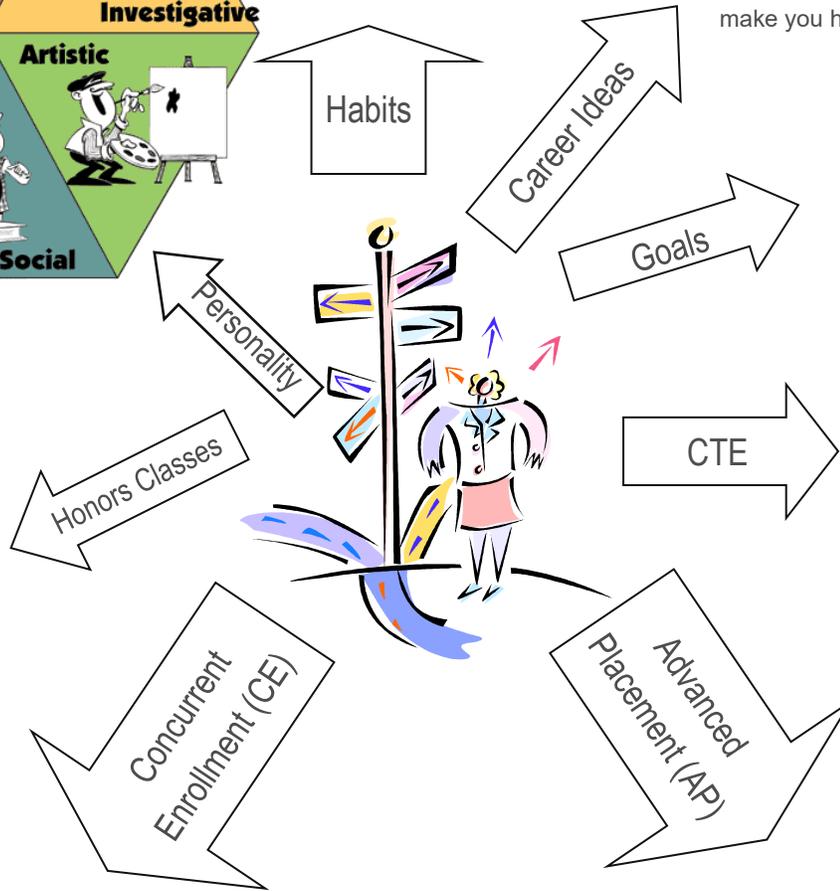
Build great study habits this year. Great study habits are the foundation of future success.

Start thinking now what skills and knowledge you will need to have the job you want. Does it fit your personality? Will it give you the lifestyle you want? Does it fit your values? Will you like doing it everyday? Will it make you happy?

Make SMART goals every year. Plan ahead. Don't miss out on opportunities.

These are the classes that help you explore possible career pathways and build skills for life. Skills certifications are available in all eight CTE Areas of Study. The certificates you earn can be used as evidence of your accomplishments when you seek a job or apply for further education and training. <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/Page/131>

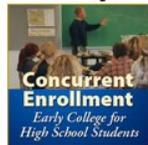
If you are earning A's and B's in your core classes, consider challenging yourself by taking an Honors level class. There are also great stepping stones to AP courses as well as college preparation.



Start building your college transcript by taking CE classes! CE classes are college classes taught in high school. In order to earn the college credit, students must apply to the university offering the credit, pay the application fee (usually around \$30-\$40), and pay \$5 per credit hour. REMEMBER: it is important to pass these classes because it is permanently on your college transcript!

CE: Concurrent Enrollment

Costs about \$40.00 registration fee and \$15.00 per class
Enrolled in high school and college class at the same time.



Work hard in class all year and learn the material.



Earn a grade for the class that goes on high school and college transcript.



AP: Advanced Placement

Costs about \$90.00 per class

Work hard in class all year and learn the material.



Take the GIANT AP TEST in May.



Pass the test and earn credit for the class.



These classes are college level courses that require students to fully commit to that level of learning. Expect to put a lot in, but the skills and experience you receive will benefit you in many areas of your life.

Graduation Requirements

These are the four requirements that you must meet to graduate from high school:

- You must have 27 credits.
- You must complete the following classes:
 - 4.0 English
 - 9th Grade English (1.0)
 - 10th Grade English (1.0)
 - 11th Grade English (1.0)
 - 12th Grade English (1.0)
 - 3.0 Social Studies
 - World Geography (0.5)
 - World Civilization (1.0)
 - US History (1.0)
 - US Government & Citizenship (0.5)
 - 3.0 Science
 - Physical Science (1.0)
 - Life Science (1.0)
 - Other Science (1.0)
 - 3.0 Math (3 full years)
 - 1.5 Physical Education (0.5 Fit for Life—required)
 - 0.5 Health
 - 1.5 Fine Arts
 - 1.0 Career & Technical Education (CTE)
 - 0.5 Digital Studies
 - 0.5 Financial Literacy
 - 8.5 Elective credits
- You must make up all "U's."
- You must pass the US citizenship test.



Taking a foreign language is not a requirement to graduate from the Davis School District.

Foreign language is required to be admitted to some universities.

The University of Utah has a two year requirement. These classes may be taken in grades 7—12.

Many schools outside of Utah require more than two years of a consecutive foreign language.

Plan ahead and don't miss out on an out-of-state college opportunity because you did not meet admissions requirements.

Regents' Scholarship/Utah Scholars (medallion)

REQUIRED COURSES:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics: At minimum, you must complete Secondary Math 1, Math 2, Math 3 and one course beyond Math 3. (If completing the non-Utah Core curriculum, you must complete at minimum Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and one course beyond Algebra 2.)
- 3 credits of Social Science
- 3 credits of lab-based Science, specifically one each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- 2 progressive credits of the same World Language (other than English) during grades 9-12

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- Complete the required courses listed above during grades 9-12
- Earn a 3.3 cumulative high school GPA
- Earn a composite score of 22 on the ACT
- Meet college enrollment or deferment requirements
- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Meet all deadlines
- Graduate from a Utah high school
- Be a US citizen or a non-citizen eligible for financial aid.

AWARD INFORMATION:

Award amounts vary and are subject to funding. You can qualify for more scholarship dollars based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

UESP—Utah Educational Savings Plan Supplemental Award (\$400 one-time)

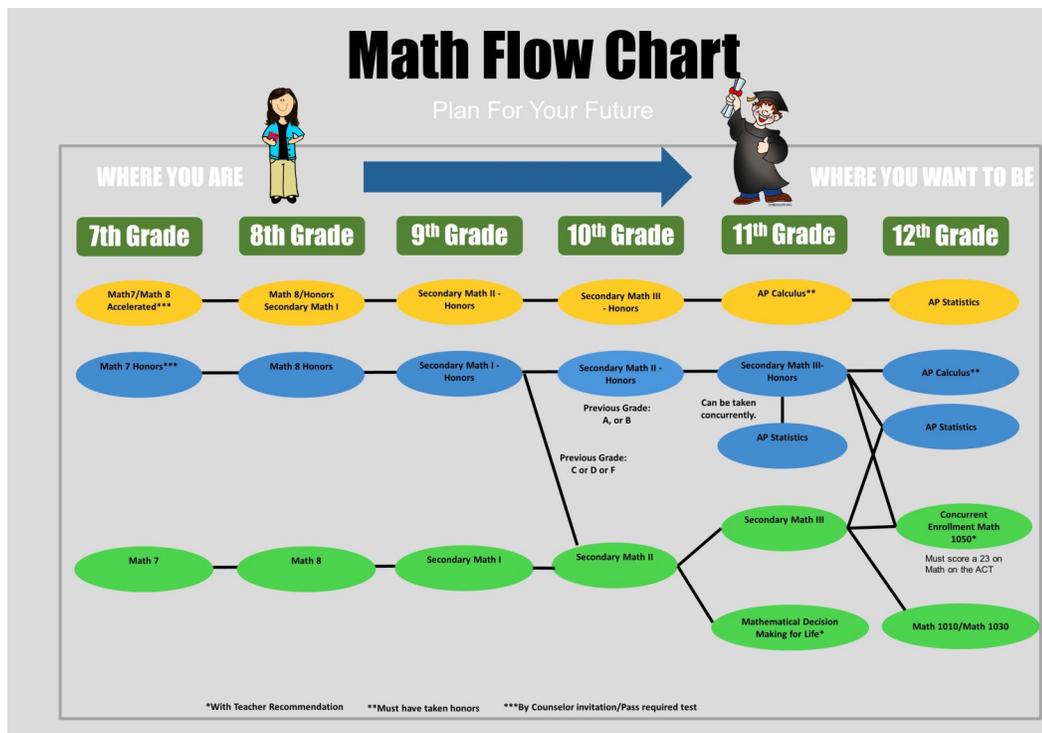
UESP will match \$100 per school year (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th) in savings: www.uesp.org

Visit regentsscholarship.org, or contact them at 801-321-7159 or email them at regentsscholarship@ushe.edu for more information.

Remember: The Utah Scholar designation has the same class requirements, but has a different application.

<https://stepuputah.com/program/utah-scholars/>

Which math do I take?



Registration Checklist:

Registration form completed and turned into the Counseling Center by Thursday, February 7th.

On my registration:

- English
- Math
- Geography or AP Human Geography
- Science
- PE (1.5 P.E. credit required between 9th and 12th grade)
- Art—Any fine arts taken in 9th grade goes towards graduation requirements

If I signed up for Honors:

1. Signed honors description/application form.
2. Circled the correct honors courses on my registration form.

If I was invited to take a reading class, it is in my schedule.

Make sure you have signed up for at least four alternate classes.



Class Information

Digital Studies

Computer literacy is a foundational element of success in today's technology driven world. There are five different classes that you can choose from to satisfy this requirement to graduate from high school.

World Languages

It is a great idea to learn another language. It helps you communicate with others, get a job and get paid more in a job. We strongly recommend this. At MJH, we offer Spanish.

The University of Utah requires two years of a foreign language. You can take it in 7th and 8th grade to meet this requirement.

The Regents' Scholarship requires two years of a foreign language in 9th-12th grades.

What counts as ART credit?

1. Art classes
2. Choir
3. Band
4. Orchestra

Application classes

You must fill out an application for these classes. Turn in the application with your course request. They include:

1. Teacher's Assistant
2. Office Aide
3. Copy Assistant
4. Library Assistant
5. Peer Tutor
6. Yearbook

CTE Classes

Classes to choose from in 9th grade:

1. Food/Nutrition 1
2. Apparel and Design
3. Communication/Photography
4. Engineering Tech 1
5. Pinterest to Projects Manufacturing

Contact Us

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Student Success Skills:

- Time management
- Good study habits
 - Always prepared
 - Review notes daily — no cramming
 - Set study time each day
- Set attainable goals
- Concentration
- Good note-taking
- Completion of assignments
- Organizational skills
- Motivation
- Commitment