

Course Planning for College and Career Readiness



Santa Barbara Unified School District
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Santa Barbara Unified
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Our Goal

Ensure that students are able to leave our schools and have an opportunity to be productive and independent members of society, whether that be to enter a competitive workforce or to advance through higher education.

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- Santa Barbara Unified Vision

Our Plan

Prepare every student for both college and career, whichever they choose.

- College readiness = Successful completion of A-G requirements
 - Grade of C or better in all A-G courses
- Career readiness = Successful completion of course sequences aligned to support career options
- For example: Construction Pathway includes BOTH successful completion of A-G requirements AND successful completion of construction course sequence

Our Tools: Course Pathways and Course Catalog

District Electronic Course Catalog

- Provide all students, parents and staff a consistent view of our course offerings and how they lead to college and career readiness for all students
- Provide different paths to achieve the same goals for students with different interests

Our Tools: Course Enrollment

Naviance

- Provide all students the same opportunity to build a grade 7-12 course articulation that matches desired pathways
 - Students will revise their course articulation on an annual basis based on developing interests
- Provide all parents visibility into student interests and pathway choices
- Encourage families to have early conversations around career and life choices

Our Timeline

January

- Open enrollment
- Academy Showcase
- Open houses

February

- Transfer deadline
- Family communication regarding details of course selection process

March

- Counselor site/classroom visits
- Student/parent course selection through Naviance at home and after school at various sites
- Elementary Naviance Nights
- Secondary Naviance Sessions

Watch for further communications via email and postal mail.