

Ridgewood High School

Student Services Presents

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Double check that you have met the following requirements for graduation:

# of Credits	Course
4	English
3	Math
3	Science
2	Social Studies
2	World Language / Business / Computer / Vocational
1	Fine or Applied Art
4	P.E. / Health
.5	Consumer Ed
23 Credits Total	

POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE

Spring

- Log into Xello
- Complete the “About Me” section
- Explore options individually and with guardians



Summer

- Seek out leadership opportunities
- Think about your “stand out” factor
- Visit schools
- Brainstorm application essays

Fall

- Post Secondary Bootcamp
- Meet with your counselor, review your graduation plan as it applies to your career/college goals
- Continue to research careers
- Apply to colleges and FAFSA



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Choosing Colleges to Apply to

- ⦿ Attend Post-Secondary Bootcamp
- ⦿ Make a list of what's important to you in a school:
 - ⦿ Rural vs. Urban
 - ⦿ Public vs. Private
 - ⦿ 2 year vs. 4 year
 - ⦿ Geographic location
 - ⦿ Degree options (majors)
- ⦿ Compare your ACT/SAT scores & GPA to admission requirements

Reach School	A school I am borderline on all admission requirements but still really want to apply to for other reasons
Match School	A school I meet most/all of the admission requirements and have a good chance of getting into
Safety School	A school that I definitely meet all of the admission requirements and know I will get into

LOOKING AHEAD TO SENIOR YEAR...

- ⦿ Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines!
- ⦿ Scholarships, applications, etc.
- ⦿ Email is the primary form of communication – check your email regularly!

Helpful Hint! Failure to meet deadlines will cause you to miss out on valuable opportunities.

WHAT DO COLLEGES LOOK FOR?

1. Strong academics
 - Good GPA, rigorous course load, SAT score
2. Involvement in extracurricular activities
 - Clubs, sports, after school jobs
3. Leadership and community involvement
 - Volunteer and take initiative

Helpful Hint! October is the last chance for seniors to take the SAT before sending out applications!

Helpful Hint! FAFSA opens on Monday, October 1st, 2018.

COLLEGE RESOURCE CENTER

What Can I Use the CRC for?

- College Searches
- College Applications
- Scholarships
- Assistance on any other college or career related work
- Browse Xello



WHAT DO I NEED TO COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS?

- Official GPA, class rank, and ACT scores
- Send your official transcripts via Parchment
- Personal Statements and/or Admission Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Your Xello login information

Helpful Hint! Edit, edit, edit! Make sure a teacher or counselor has reviewed your personal statement/essay before submitting.

What to Include: your interest in the university, explain circumstances that may effect their admission decision, or other factors that are not apparent on your applications

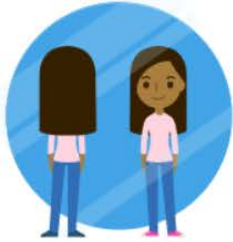
Helpful Hint! If a college requires a recommendation, complete the questionnaire (found in Student Services) to help your teachers and counselor write your letter

PARCHMENT

- Check your RHS email account for an activation code sent by Parchment
- Register your Parchment account today!



SAY HELLO TO XELLO & GOODBYE NAVIANCE...



Build Self-knowledge

Students define their interests, skills, preferences and aspirations so they can explore the opportunities right for them.



Explore Options

Students learn about career possibilities and educational pathways by exploring rich engaging content and lessons.



Create a Plan

Students create dynamic actionable plans that outline the steps needed to achieve school, career and life goals.









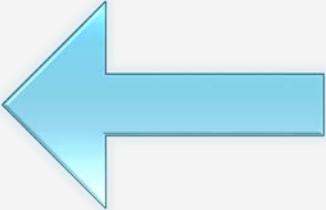


Learn & Reassess

As students gain experience, knowledge, and skills, they can reassess and change their plans for the future.

LOGIN TO XELLO

- Visit www.d234.org
- Click the “Student” portal and scroll down to select “Xello”
- Login using your school email address and your password

Report Safety Concerns & Bullying	Daily Announcements	Canvas	Email	Edgenuity
				
Skyward	Cafeteria	Calendar	Student Handbook	Tutoring
				
Bell Schedule	Lynda.com	Xello		

ABOUT ME

- Under the “About me” tab complete the “Matchmaker” “Personality Style” and “Learning Style” questionnaires.
- Each module will provide you with information that will better assist you in the career exploration and college search process.
- The more accurately you answer each question, the more accurate your results will be.

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xello About Me Explore Options Goals & Plans

HEY JAMES!

ABOUT ME

- Matchmaker Completed
- Personality Style Get Started
- Mission Complete Locked
- Learning Style Get Started

EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Careers
- Schools
- Majors
- Saved Options

GOALS & PLANS


- My Plans

ABOUT ME

Strongly encouraged to complete the following!


- **Personality Style**
 - What careers suit your personality?
- **Learning Style**
 - How do you learn best?
- **After High School Goal**
- **Favorite Clusters**
 - Which career clusters interest you?

PERSONALITY STYLE
What careers suit your personality?



Start the Quiz!


LEARNING STYLE
How do you learn best?



Visual Auditory Tactile


Start the Quiz!

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...
My goal: Not Sure Yet



Edit Goal

FAVORITE CLUSTERS
Which career clusters interest you?



Set Favorites

ABOUT ME

- Skills
 - What are you good at?
- Interests
 - What do you like?
- Places
 - Where have you and your family lived?

SKILLS

What are you good at?



Add Skills

INTERESTS

What do you like?



Add Interests

PLACES

Where have you and your family lived?



Add Places

ABOUT ME

- Experiences Section:
 - Work
 - Volunteer
 - Education
 - Life

EXPERIENCES

WORK



Add part-time, summer, casual, and co-op work

VOLUNTEER



Add your school and community volunteer hours

EDUCATION



Add diplomas, fun classes, and extra training

LIFE



Add special events like trips, awards, or performances

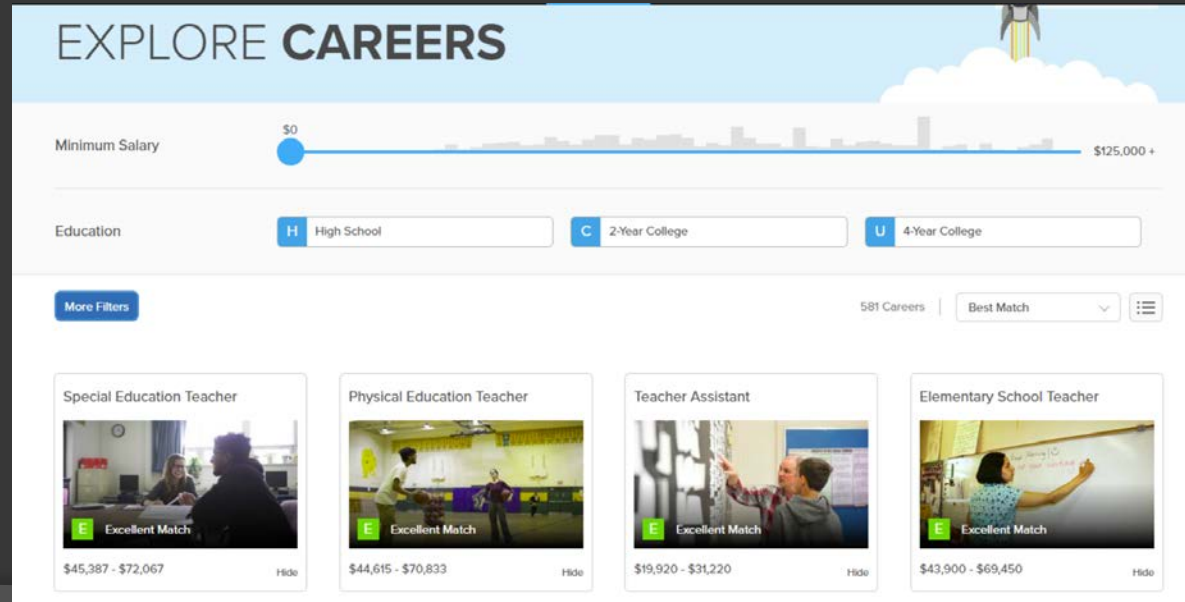
EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Under the “Explore Options” tab: use Careers, Schools, and Majors to build the pathway to your future.
- Use Saved Options for adding Favorites for quick access

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EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Under the “Career” tab of “Explore Options”, students can search through 600+ career options and filter by salary, education level, career outlook, career cluster, or relevant school subject
- Save career descriptions to your favorites
- Use Xello career recommendations based off of your “About Me” information



The screenshot displays the 'EXPLORE CAREERS' interface. At the top, there is a header with the text 'EXPLORE CAREERS' and a rocket launching from a cloud. Below the header is a 'Minimum Salary' slider ranging from \$0 to \$125,000+. Underneath the slider are three filter buttons for 'Education': 'H High School', 'C 2-Year College', and 'U 4-Year College'. A 'More Filters' button is located on the left, and '581 Careers' and 'Best Match' are on the right. The main content area shows four career recommendations, each with a photo, title, 'Excellent Match' badge, and salary range:

Career Title	Salary Range
Special Education Teacher	\$45,387 - \$72,067
Physical Education Teacher	\$44,615 - \$70,833
Teacher Assistant	\$19,920 - \$31,220
Elementary School Teacher	\$43,900 - \$69,450

EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Under the “Schools” tab of “Explore Options”, students can search through 4,000+ colleges and universities and filter by location, cost/year, enrollment size, campus setting, type, program length, area of study, selectivity, and GPA or SAT/ACT score
- Save preferred institution to your favorites

The screenshot displays the Xello 'Explore Schools' interface. At the top, the Xello logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'About Me', 'Explore Options', and 'Goals & Plans' are in the center. On the right, there are icons for search, favorites, and a user profile. Below the navigation is a large banner with the text 'EXPLORE SCHOOLS' and an illustration of a school building and trees. The main content area features a search filter for 'Location' with a text input field containing 'Add one or more States'. Below this is a 'Cost / Year' slider ranging from '\$0' to '\$65,000'. A 'More Filters' button is located on the left, and '3805 Schools' and a sorting dropdown set to 'Alphabetical (A to Z)' are on the right. The results are displayed in a grid of four school cards, each with a title, a representative image, and a location:

School Name	Location
Aaniiih Nakoda College	Harlem, MT
Abilene Christian University	Abilene, TX
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton, GA
Academy College	Bloomington, MN

EXPLORE MAJORS

- In the Explore Majors section students can identify or search for specific college majors.
- Within each major Xello provides:
 - Description of the Major
 - Typical Courses
 - Related Majors
 - Schools offering that Major by State

EXPLORE MAJORS

business

- Business Teacher Education
- Business Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences
- Business Machine Repair
- Business/Commerce, General**
- Business Administration and Management, General
- Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other
- Business/Office Automation/Technology/Data Entry
- Business Operations Support and Secretarial Services, Other
- Business/Corporate Communications
- Business/Managerial Economics

Accounting and Finance		✓	✓	
Accounting and Related Services, Other		✓	✓	

EXPLORE MAJORS

○ Description of the Major

xello

About Me Explore Options Goals & Plans

BUSINESS/COMMERCE, GENERAL





Associate Degree,
Bachelor's Degree

Like this major? Save

Business is about more than just buying and selling things. To be great at business, you must learn the best ways to manage people, time, and money. A major in general business or commerce teaches you how to resolve all kinds of problems using creativity and logic.

Studying business or commerce will give you a solid foundation in a wide range of fields. Management and human resources classes help you become a better leader and communicator. Meanwhile, studying economics and finance challenges you to ask the big questions in the industry. You'll find answers to issues like how people decide where to spend their time and money. And, how should you spend yours? This major prepares you to work in a number of industries, solving business issues as they emerge.

RELATED CAREERS

-  **Money Manager**
\$50,000 - \$500,000
P Poor Match
-  **Advertising Account Ex...**
\$40,000 - \$120,000
P Poor Match
-  **E-Business Consultant**
\$50,000 - \$130,000
P Poor Match
-  **Real Estate Appraiser**
\$37,400 - \$73,680
F Fair Match

EXPLORE MAJORS

○ Typical Courses / Related Majors

The screenshot shows a web interface with a dark header. On the left, there is a 'Back To Top' button with a green icon. On the right, there is a blue bar with 'Like this major?' and a 'Save' button with a heart icon. Below the header, the main content area is white. The title 'TYPICAL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR' is centered. Below it, a paragraph explains that requirements vary by college. A list of 10 subjects follows, arranged in two columns. To the right, a sidebar titled 'RELATED MAJORS' lists several related fields. A small red 'P' icon with 'Poor Match' text is visible above the sidebar.

Back To Top

Like this major? Save

P Poor Match

TYPICAL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR

Each college that offers this major will have different requirements and specific courses. But, you can expect to learn about these types of subjects:

- ✓ Computer Information Systems
- ✓ Human Resources
- ✓ Business Math
- ✓ Advertising
- ✓ Accounting
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Office Management
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Business Law
- ✓ Statistics
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Finance

Some colleges require you to get some field experience before you graduate.

RELATED MAJORS

- Accounting
- Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General
- Business Administration and Management, General
- Business/Corporate Communications
- Business/Managerial Economics
- Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies
- Finance, General

EXPLORE MAJORS

- Schools offering that Major by State

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Like this major? Save

SCHOOLS

THAT OFFER THIS MAJOR:

Illinois (21)

	Non-Degree	Associate	Bachelor's	Graduate
Kaskaskia College Centralia, IL		✓		
Moraine Valley Community College Palos Hills, IL		✓		
Lincoln Land Community College Springfield, IL		✓		
Olivet Nazarene University Bourbonnais, IL		✓		
Saint Xavier University Chicago, IL			✓	
Aurora University Aurora, IL			✓	

IT'S A WRAP!

- ◎ As we move forward towards your Senior year keep the following in mind....
 1. Use these tools in Xello to explore what makes you “tick!”
 2. By completing these activities you will begin building a road map towards a better understanding of who you are and where your strengths and interests lie.
 3. We will be using Xello extensively throughout your Senior year as you we guide towards your and college path.

YOU ARE THE ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR: MEET EILEEN

Student Profile

- Senior at RHS
- 30 on ACT
- 2.0 GPA
- Rank 150 out of 195
- Student council member 2 years
- Babysitter 1 year

Schools Eileen is Applying To

- University of Chicago
 - ACT: 32, GPA: n/a
- University of Illinois
 - ACT: 28, GPA: n/a
- Loyola University
 - ACT: 27, GPA: 3.68

**Is Eileen a good fit at these schools?
What are her strengths? Weaknesses?
Would you admit Eileen? Why or why not?
Is Eileen applying to match, reach, or safety schools?**

YOU ARE THE ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR: MEET BEN

Student Profile

- Senior at RHS
- 21 on ACT
- 4.2 GPA
- Rank 3 out of 195
- Varsity Basketball 3 years
- Job at Target 2 years
- Editor of The Rebellion

Schools Ben is Applying To

- DePaul University
 - ACT: 25* *Optional*, GPA: 3.4
- Northeastern IL University
 - ACT: 19, GPA: n/a
- Dominican University
 - ACT: 22, GPA: 3.7

**Is Ben a good fit at these schools?
What are his strengths? Weaknesses?
Would you admit Ben? Why or why not?
Is Ben applying to a match, reach, or safety school?**