



Future Planning

Sophomores and Juniors

College and Career Ready

- ★ 68% of all jobs in Iowa require education and training beyond high school by the year 2025.
- ★ College graduates earn 98% more income per hour than people without degrees.
- ★ College graduates have 3% unemployment rate.
- ★ 40% of college students report a college education provided skills needed for not only their first job but also benefited and skills for their entire career.

Plan ahead

- 4-year plan
- High school course offerings are listed in the course handbook
- Dual enrollment
- Advanced Placement (AP)

Timeline

December: Course Options

- Info Meetings
- Course Description Book Available

January: Course Registration

- Transcript Review, RAI Calculation
- Advisory Preparation

April: Final Course Selection Review

Naviance

- Career Planning & Information Tool
- Plans for college and career success
- Implements interest inventories
- Determines skill sets
- Reviews for the ACT/SAT
- Helps plan college search
- Provides online applications for college
- Searches scholarships
- Communicates with counselor/dean

*Located on DCG HS Symbaloo

DMACC course options

- **Career Academies**
 - Full-year programs providing career and technical training with college credit
- **Online courses**
 - Available via DMACC when not offered at DCG

Explore career options

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- Apprenticeships
 - Associate's degree (2 years)
 - Bachelor's degree (4 years)
 - Master and/or doctorate degree
 - Military

Timeline for sophomores and juniors

- ICAN designated calendars
- Search for potential degree based on interests and skills
- Search for colleges and career pathways
- Schedule college visits

College admissions

Regents Admission Index (RAI) Score

- Used for in-state, Iowa schools
- Formula used for admissions
- Magic number: 245

ACT

- actstudent.org
- Test prep options

SAT

- Collegeboard.org
- SAT is required for specific schools

Types of colleges

Technical college
(business, health
profession, technical)

- Mercy
- ITT Technical Institute
- Vatterott College

Community college

- DMACC
- Iowa Central
- Kirkwood

Private college/university

- Drake University
- Grandview University
- Simpson College
- Central College

Public university

- Iowa State University
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Iowa



Resources

Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)

College and Career One Stop

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