

College & Career Readiness

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Excellence is out there; let's go get it!

This class is designed to help students bridge from their high school experience to post-high school plans. After all, there's no time like now to take practical steps to prepare for a great future.

Key components include:

- Completing career exploration assessments, including personality, interests, skills, and work values.
- Learning about and comparing 2 possible careers.
- Running a budget for a six-week time span.
- Making 3 class presentations: information about a possible career, a team presentation about study skills strategies, and a presentation about 2 job shadows.
- Learning about post-secondary terms and available resources.
- (Extra credit available for taking tours of post-secondary institutions.)
- Learning about the timeline for applying to post-secondary institutions.
- Learning about how to pay for post-secondary training.
- Practicing strategies to improve results for standardized testing.
- Creating “personal brand” items: cover letter, resume, e-portfolio.
- Completing 2 interviews with an interview pool (professional dress required).
- Deepening understanding about “soft skills”.
- Arranging for and completing 2 on-site job shadows.
- Writing assignments designed to capture learning at different points in the semester.

My standards for my students—as well as myself—include working at the highest standards of professionalism. This includes being on time, and ensuring our work is on time, is our own, and is of the best quality we can produce. This also means that we're willing to work well with others, and to enable the best learning environment possible.

In the workplace, we are evaluated not only on what we do, but how we do it. In this class, the same measurement applies: points will be earned for each assignment, but a certain number of points will also be earned based on the professionalism criteria listed above.

I follow the same grading curve as Preston High at large:

A: 93-100 percent

A-: 90-92

B+: 87-89

B: 83-86

B-: 80-82

C+: 77-79

C: 73-76

C-: 70-72

D+: 67-69

D: 63-66

D-: 60-62

F: 0-59

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