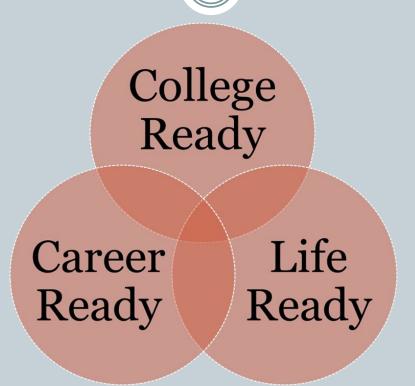
iCAPs: Individualized Career & Academic Plans

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The Need for Change



Standard Practice

Small group counselor meetings

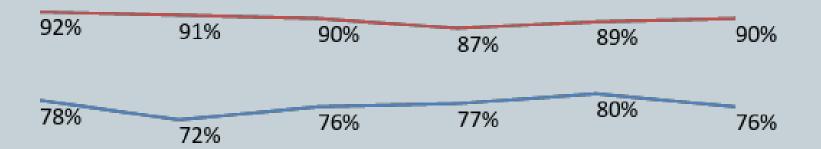
- Intro to high school
- Career exploration
- Standardized testing
- Scholarships and transition

Individual appointments

- Course planning
- Course scheduling
- Post-secondary planning
- o On Demand

College Intent vs. Enrollment

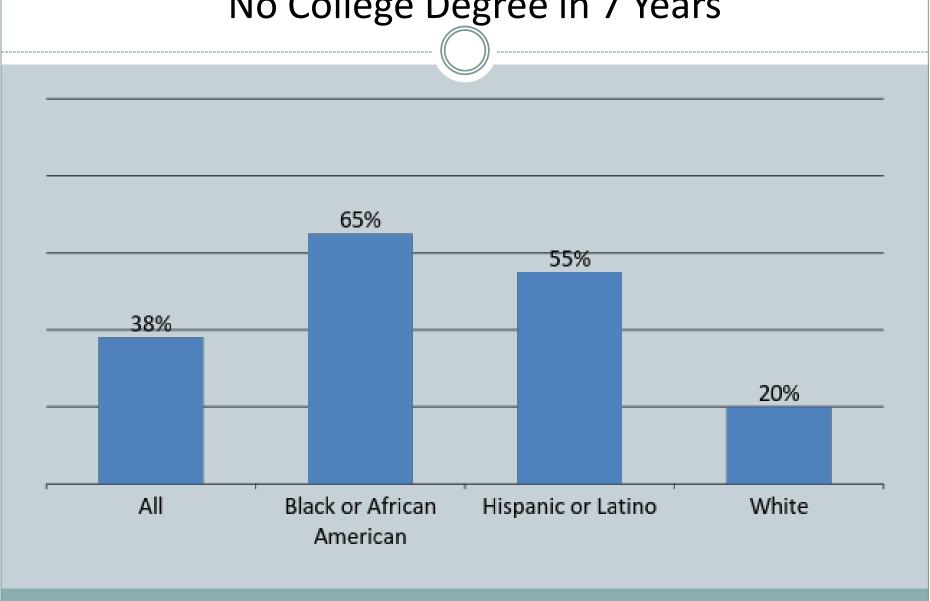
(% of ETHS Graduates)





Intended to Enroll
 Actually Enrolled

% of 2008 ETHS Graduates - No College Degree in 7 Years



Paradigm Shift

High School Graduation \neq Success

College Admission # Success

College Graduation # Success

Why place such a high value on career exploration?

- Uncertainty "aimlessness"
 - Prolonged education without acquiring a degree
 - Residential dependence
 - Frequent job changes



Lower wages

Staff, J., Harris, A., Sabates, R., & Briddell, L. (2010). Uncertainty in early occupational aspirations: Role exploration or aimlessness?. *Social Forces*, 89(2), 659-683.

The Route



Post-Secondary Planning Committee Mission:

ETHS is committed to empowering all students and their families with the tools to make informed decisions about posthigh school options using current information on the multiple pathways to achieve their personal, academic and professional goals.

Our strategic, student-centered, approach provides opportunities for every student, grades 9-12, to connect high school experiences and learning to their personal, academic and professional goals.

Our goal is for every student to develop a broader awareness of self and the breadth of opportunities available to them after high school. (11.15.13)

iCAP Description

• An Individualized Career and Academic Plan (iCAP) is both <u>a document</u> and <u>a process</u> that students use – with support from *school counselors*, *teachers and parents/guardians* – to develop their career goals and post-secondary plans in order to inform the student's decisions about their courses and activities throughout high school.

Document

A document (iCAP Portfolio) consisting of:

- Four-year course plan
- Long-term & short-term goals
- Results from career & interest inventories
- A resume
- A schedule of assigned, upcoming and completed tasks
- Education & career plans
- Standardized test scores & GPA
- Reflective writing
- Journal notes and documents
- Scholarships
- Service hours

Process

• A process that enhances the relevance of school and out-of-school learning opportunities and provides the student access to career development opportunities that incorporate self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning activities.

Research

Students engaged in the iCAP process benefit from <u>increased</u>:

- engagement and self-efficacy in their academic work
- engagement in more challenging coursework
- understanding of their postsecondary and career options
- interest and readiness to engage in post-secondary decision making.

Students engaged in the iCAP process benefit from <u>improved</u>:

- relationships with educational personnel
- communication skills
- goal setting and planning skills
- understanding of their own abilities

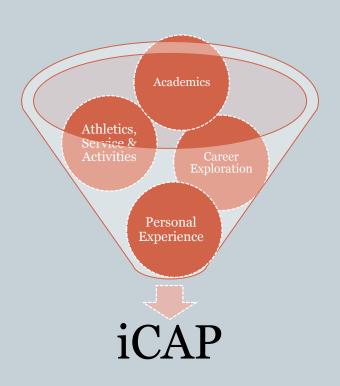
Implementation



The Roadmap: iCAP Tasks

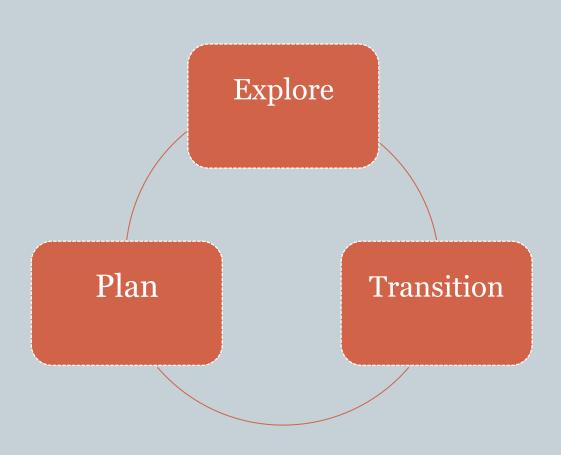
- Individual students or groups of students are assigned a series of tasks that complete their iCAP.
- iCAP tasks allow students to get to know themselves and connect high school experiences to their personal, academic and professional goals.
- Maintained in Naviance
- Accessible by students and shared with counselors, parents/guardians and other essential school supports.

iCAP Development Model

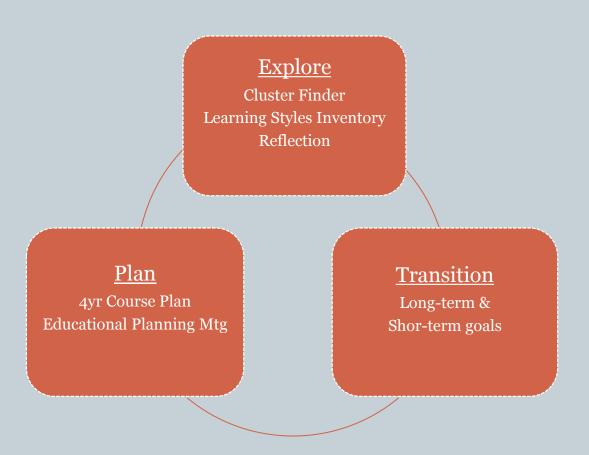


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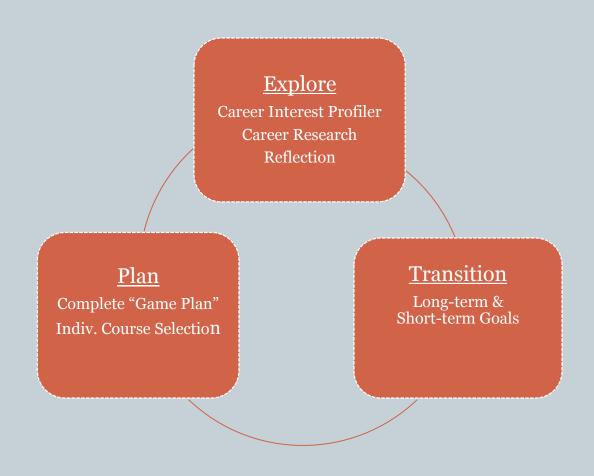
iCAP Phases

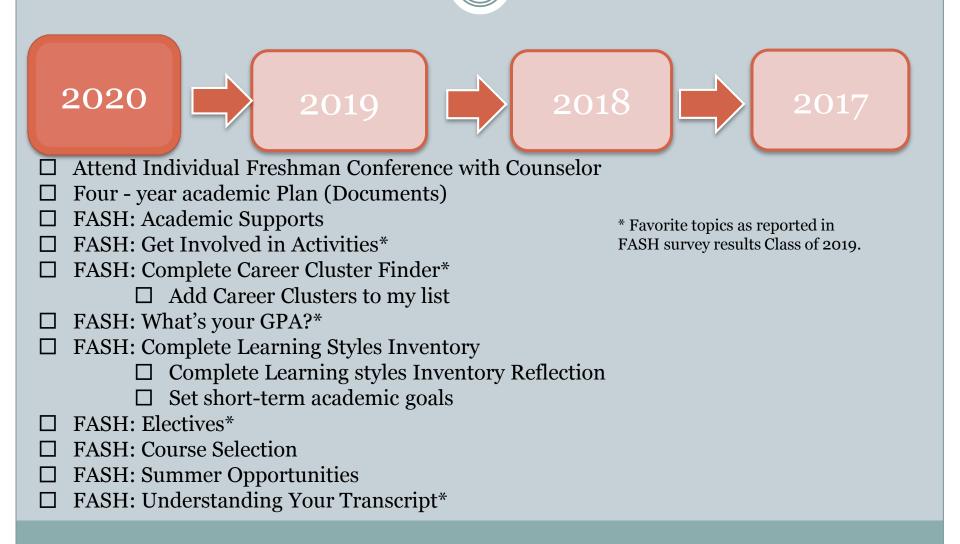


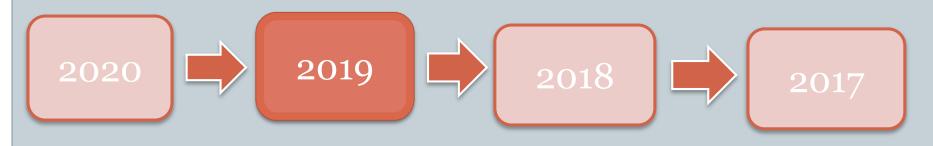
Phase Tasks - Freshmen



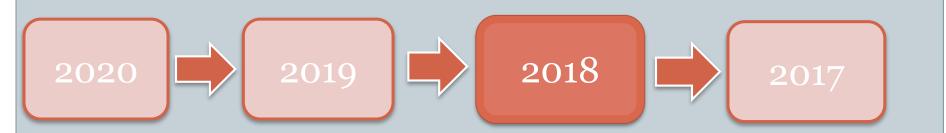
Phase Tasks – Sophomores



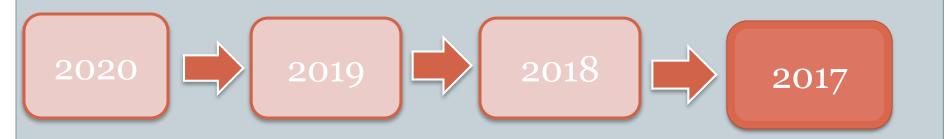




- ☐ Complete Career Interest Profile
 - ☐ Complete Career Screener Survey
- ☐ CIP Follow-up
 - \square Add careers to my list
 - ☐ Complete Career Research Reflection
 - ☐ Complete Roadtrip Nation Video Reflection
 - ☐ Complete Game Plan Survey
 - ☐ Set short-term goal(s)
 - \square Set long-term goal(s)
- ☐ Shmoop Registration

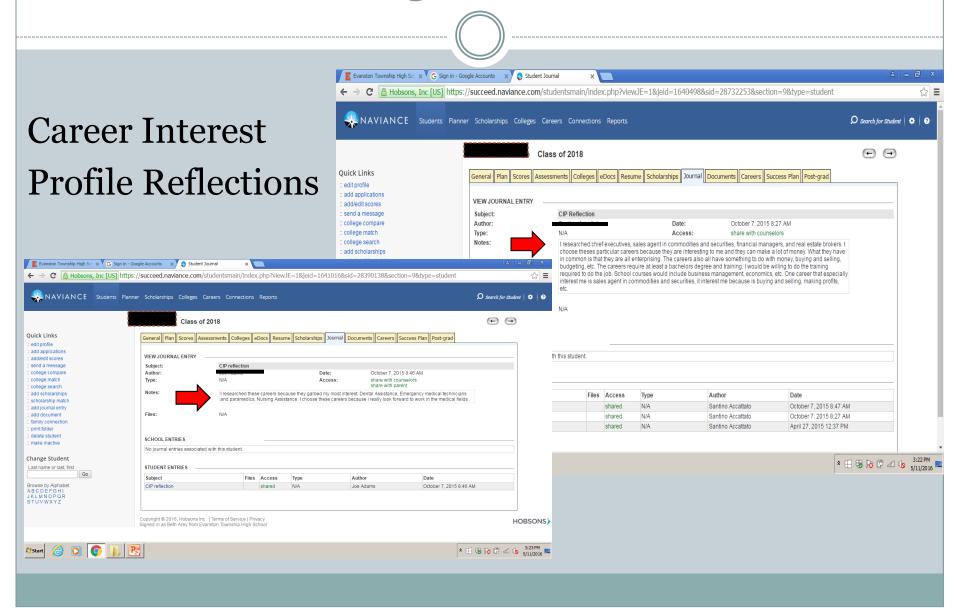


- ☐ Create College Board Account
- ☐ Take PSAT
- ☐ Match College Board Account to Kahn Academy
- ☐ Take SAT
- \Box [Take ACT]
- ☐ Post-Secondary Planning Conference
- ☐ Update Game Plan
- ☐ Junior Survey



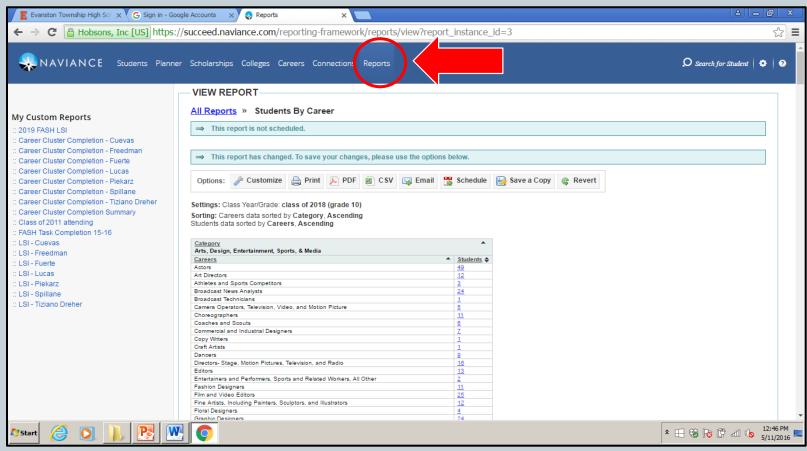
- ☐ Fall Senior Survey
- ☐ Wildkit Futures Day Senior Seminars
- ☐ FAFSA Completion
- ☐ Countdown to Graduation & Transition

Making Connections



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Students By Career

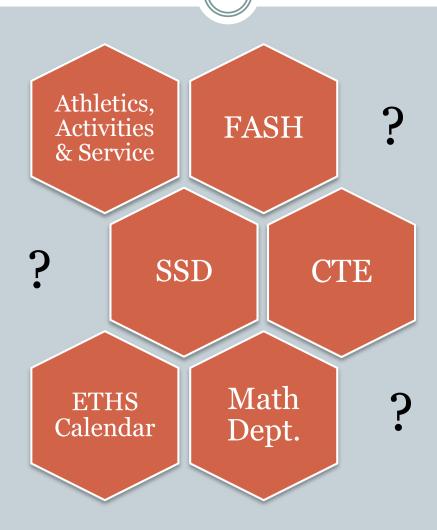








Structured Collaboration



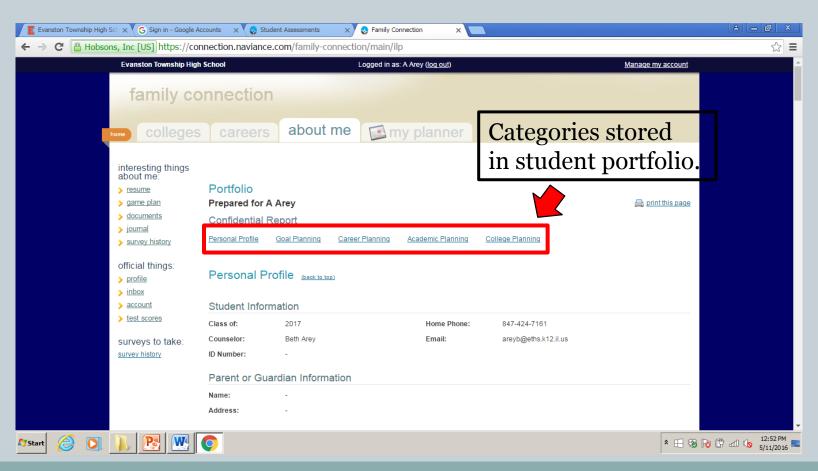
ETHS Career Pathways Programs of Study

Career Pathways are multi-year programs of academic and technical study that prepare high school students for a full range of post-secondary options within each of the 16 career clusters. Below is a part of the ETHS STEM Program of Study:

ETHS Courses	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
	Freshman Humanities English	Sophomore Level English	Junior Level English	Senior Level English
	1 Algebra, Geometry, or Geo. in Construction	Geometry, Geo. in Construction or 2 Algebra	2 Algebra, Trig. Analysis	Trig. Analysis, Calculus or Statistics
	Biology	Chemistry, Chem/Phys	Physics, Chem/Phys	Science or Computer Programming
	Introduction to Engineering Design	PLTW Elective	PLTW Elective	PLTW Elective
	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
	Freshman Humanities History	Global Perspective Studies	U.S. History	Game Design & Progrm. in Flash
	World Language	World Language	Art Elective	Art Elective
	Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Electives: (These courses carry grade weight equivalent to Advanced Placement (AP) courses.)			
	Introduction to Engineering Design		Civil Engineering & Architecture	
	Principles of Engineering		Computer Integrated Manufacturing	
	Digital Electronics		Software Engineering	

Evidence

Student Portfolio



Naviance Planner Reports

- Current Task Completion Status, Goal Category Completion Status,
 Program Completion Status
- Task Completion Summary

Class of 2018

53% have completed the Cluster Finder

72% have a documented Four-Year Course Plan

Class of 2017

79% have completed the Career Interest Profiler

64% have selected career areas of interest

47% have completed the "game plan"

55% have set at least one short-term and one long-term goal

On the Horizon

- Integration of career awareness, exploration and reflection throughout all course curriculum including core and elective courses
- Reflective writing included in all extracurricular activities
- Increased opportunities to engage in a range of work-based exploration/training experiences
- Videos of current ETHS students, ETHS alumni and Evanston community partners highlighting career/work choices and experiences

So, what do iCAPs have to do with you?

• iCAPs are not a "counselor thing" or a "career thing"; The successful implementation and execution of iCAPs is an "schoolwide thing" and requires a school wide effort.

Considerations & Challenges

Whether you call it a culture shift, change in mindset or belief system, it will take a strategic school-wide effort which requires sufficient resources and time to fully implement the processes and protocols established.

- All stakeholders need an awareness of iCAPs and a common understanding of the value of iCAPs
- Embedding iCAPs into curriculum will require all academic departments.
- Need to provide ongoing professional development to continue awareness efforts and the design and implementation of iCAP activities.
- A communications/promotions/branding plan will need to be created and executed.