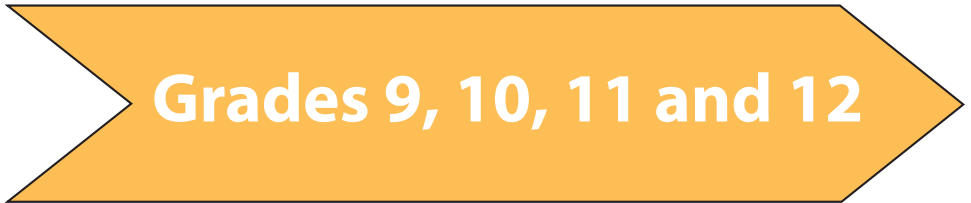


# STUDENT ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE



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## PARENTS/FAMILIES

This academic planning guide is to be used as a companion to the academic planning map. The academic planning map is designed to assist students and families to successfully navigate the PreK-12 school experience in Arlington Public Schools (APS). Whether a student is in elementary, middle or high school, one key to success is early planning.

Here are suggestions for students and families on how to use the academic planning guide and the academic planning map:

- Read through the planning guide and use the map to help answer the questions
- Focus on one area at a time on the academic planning map
- Start with the current grade level
- Read a grade level ahead of where the student currently is to begin planning as the student moves forward to the next higher level
- Ask students questions to test their knowledge
- Discuss information that may be new or exciting
- Use the “Focus” section to help set goals
- Use the “Take Action” section to ask questions of school staff

## ACADEMIC PLANNING

We work with each student and family to build a strong foundation for learning that prepares students for college and a career. At the elementary level, students and families learn about the courses that are available for students to take when they move on middle school and high school. Students also learn about the importance of setting and accomplishing their goals.

## RESOURCES

[www.apsva.us/academicplan](http://www.apsva.us/academicplan)

[www.apsva.us/collegecorner](http://www.apsva.us/collegecorner)

[www.apsva.us/programofstudies](http://www.apsva.us/programofstudies)

[www.apsva.us/languagearts](http://www.apsva.us/languagearts)

[www.apsva.us/mathematics](http://www.apsva.us/mathematics)

[www.apsva.us/science](http://www.apsva.us/science)

[www.apsva.us/socialstudies](http://www.apsva.us/socialstudies)

[www.apsva.us/worldlanguages](http://www.apsva.us/worldlanguages)

[www.apsva.us/arteducation](http://www.apsva.us/arteducation)

[www.apsva.us/assessment](http://www.apsva.us/assessment)

**STUDENTS**

**OVERALL GOALS**

**I have set the following goals for myself:**

Academic: \_\_\_\_\_ by when \_\_\_\_\_

Personal/Social: \_\_\_\_\_ by when \_\_\_\_\_

Career: \_\_\_\_\_ by when \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation:** I can earn one of the following diplomas in high school:

- Advanced Diploma requires \_\_\_\_\_ credits \_\_\_\_\_ verified credits
  - Standard Diploma requires \_\_\_\_\_ credits \_\_\_\_\_ verified credits
  - IB Diploma requires \_\_\_\_\_ credits \_\_\_\_\_ verified credits
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**ALL ABOUT ME...**

**Personal Interests:**

I enjoy the following subjects in school: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I participate in the following clubs/activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I enjoy the following things outside of school: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC PLAN**

I plan to take the following courses in high school:  
 (fill in credits you've already earned in each grade level)

SUBJECTS	GRADE 9 SUBJECTS	Credits already earned	GRADE 10 SUBJECTS
English/Language Arts			
Mathematics			
Science			
Social Studies			
World Language			
Fine Arts			
Health and PE			
Career and Technical Education			
Electives			
SOLs/Assessments			

**College Credit:**

I can earn college credits while I am in high school by taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses. I plan to earn the following college credits while I am in high school:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



**CAREER INTERESTS**

Right now, I am interested in the following Career Cluster(s):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture & Construction           | <input type="checkbox"/> Information, Technology                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, A/V Technology & Communication  | <input type="checkbox"/> Law and Public Safety, Corrections, & Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, Management & Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Training                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Sales & Service                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government & Public Administration    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Distribution & Logistics       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Science                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality & Tourism                 |   |

Right now, I want to try \_\_\_\_\_ as a career

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Subjects in school that will help me with this career:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I plan to take the following classes in college to help me with this career:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have the following work or volunteer experiences:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Job Search Skills:

- I know how to look for a job
- I have a resume
- I have developed interviewing skills
- I need help with the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE INTERESTS**

Right now, I want to go to \_\_\_\_\_ University or College

because \_\_\_\_\_.

I want to study in college: \_\_\_\_\_

The classes that I am taking right now will help me with college because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Test(s) I need to take to get into college include:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I am preparing for these college test(s) by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I need help with the following in applying to college:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I can count on the following people to help me apply to college:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I am going to pay for college by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I have other plans after I graduate that include \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO COLLEGE!**

*Are you ready to transition?*

**STUDENT TIPS FOR TRANSITION:**

- Meet all graduation requirements and set academic goals
- Take advanced level college courses - Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and/or dual enrollment (DE)
- Continue involvement in co-curricular clubs and sports, volunteerism, job or work experiences, internship or job shadowing
- Complete pre-college exam (PSAT – during 10th grade) and college entrance exams (SAT and/or ACT – during 11th-12th grade)
- Explore careers and research colleges through Naviance based on identified career field
- Visit selected college to narrow options and/or do a virtual college tour on the web
- Apply to college – learn the entrance requirements of the college, write a strong essay, get letters of recommendation and transcripts, college application fees
- Apply for financial aid and apply for scholarships
- Learn about the on-campus student supports to help new college students transition from high school to college

What are you looking forward to in college? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your goals for college? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything you're nervous about or have questions about? \_\_\_\_\_

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