

FRESHMEN:

Each fall the counselors meet with the freshman class to acquaint them with their upcoming years at Henderson. This contact first occurs in mid-October in a large group setting. During that time, students are re-introduced to Naviance, an online career planning program that the WCASD purchased for college and career bound students. Naviance was first introduced and used in 8th grade. Using Naviance, freshmen will begin creating a personalized portfolio or Individual Goal Plan (IGP) that they will update and expand on each year. Areas covered include:

- * Courses section- a tentative and flexible outline of students' courses for the next 3 years as it relates to their future goals. This area specifically covers graduation requirements, course sequences, and course selection procedures.
- * My Planner section – Students will record their interests, activities, and future educational and personal goals.
- * About Me section - students will take the Strengths Explorer questionnaire to discover career themes and clusters associated with their self-reported strengths.
- * Grade Point Average and Rank and their relationship to future goals.

SOPHOMORES:

In late winter the counselors meet with the sophomore class to focus on career exploration. This contact will occur over several days in classroom size groups in Henderson's computer labs using Naviance, an online career planning program that the WCASD purchased for college and career bound students. In the sophomore year, instruction centers around updating information in the Naviance's My Planner and Courses sections, but most of the focus is on Naviance's Careers and About Me sections. Students will take career assessments and complete occupation searches. The program can be further utilized to access information on careers related to high school subjects, specialty career areas, apprenticeships, military occupations, college majors, technical schools, and 2 and 4-year colleges.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Using Naviance, counselors will work with juniors (Winter) and seniors (Fall) on the following:

- *Updating their Courses section, Goals, and Journal (activities, awards)
- *College searches using Naviance's Supermatch Search and other resources *Financial Aid
- *The college application process *SAT/ACT prep *Resume building
- *Career planning for college and non-college bound students

Students may use Naviance in the library or the computer lab during study hall, lunch, after school or at home.