



Cobb County School District
Planning for High School and Beyond
 2021-2022

Dear Families of 6th and 7th Grade Students,

The BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia’s Economy) Act (House Bill 400) was signed into law in 2010 to create an atmosphere of motivating middle and high school students to learn because they see the relevance of education in their dreams and future plans. The implementation of the BRIDGE Law provides students with career counseling and regularly scheduled advisement to assist them with choosing rigorous and purposeful courses for high school and beyond.

Throughout middle school, students participate in various life readiness learning activities that assist in identifying their interests, skills, and related careers to best prepare them for high school and post-secondary events. Results from these activities may also help students consider the courses they might take in high school.

The Cobb County School District middle and high schools use a web-based program called *Naviance* for career exploration. *Naviance* (www.naviance.com) provides numerous activities that students may complete during classroom lessons, advisement, small group meetings, or individual exploration. Below are the required activities your student will complete in middle school using *Naviance*:

Grade	BRIDGE Law requirement	21-22 school year activity
6 th grade	Students will complete a career interest inventory and save the results in <i>Naviance</i> .	6 th grade students will complete the AchieveWorks Learning & Productivity assessment to find how they learn best and discover effective strategies to be most successful in class
7 th grade	Students will complete a career interest inventory and explore at least three career clusters and save results in <i>Naviance</i>	7 th grade students will complete the Career Cluster Finder assessment to determine career clusters most interesting to them as well as review and favorite clusters for future reference
8 th grade	Students will complete a career aptitude inventory and use results to complete an Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)	8 th grade students will complete the AchieveWorks Skills assessment that measures student’s creativity, conscientiousness, critical thinking, leadership, and social-emotional skills to help students develop the soft skills they will need to be prepared for college, career, and life.

Families, teachers, and counselors are encouraged to consider individual student interests and skills when planning for high school. It is also important for families and students to know the specific programs and pathways offered by the high schools in their feeder pattern. Contact your student’s school counselor if you need additional information.

You may access information concerning graduation requirements and specific programs and pathways from:

CCSD School Counseling	https://bit.ly/CCSDschoolcounseling
GaDOE CTAE	https://bit.ly/GADOECTAEinfo
GAfutures	https://www.gafutures.org/
Career Clusters	https://careertech.org/career-clusters

You may also have access to your student’s electronic portfolio in *Naviance* by setting up a parent/guardian account. Your student's school can provide directions and an access code upon request.

Sincerely,
 Your School Counseling Department