



Bloomington Public Schools' [vision](#) is to create **[Pathways to Career & College](#)** for all learners to prepare them for the next level of study, to graduate, and to enter college or a career with the necessary skills to be successful.

Throughout the middle school years, the **Personal Growth Plan** process provides a **sequence of developmentally appropriate activities** which help students to develop strong academic habits, set relevant and achievable goals and begin envisioning their future college and career plans.

Teachers, counselors and other staff members provide consultation and support to help guide students throughout the process.



6th Grade Activities

ACADEMIC

- Intro to Personal Growth Plans
- Why middle school matters
- Basics of Grade Point Average (GPA)

LIFE & SOCIAL

- Seeking help & where to go for help
- Defining your dreams

COLLEGE & CAREER

- Benefits of postsecondary (college) education
- Careers of the future
- Benefits of a high skilled career

7th Grade Activities

ACADEMIC

- Developing a growth mindset
- Growth mindset scenarios
- My learning style inventory

LIFE & SOCIAL

- Knowledge & skills that build belief
- Team building

COLLEGE & CAREER

- Soft skills for future success
- Value of postsecondary (college) education

8th Grade Activities

ACADEMIC

- Understanding academic behaviors for success
- Looking at perseverance

LIFE & SOCIAL

- Intrinsic vs. extrinsic motivation
- Envisioning my future self

COLLEGE & CAREER

- “Career Keys” interest assessment
- Types of postsecondary education
- Great Jobs *with less than* a four year degree

Students complete their Personal Growth Plan activity reflections and self discovery assessments in the **Naviance Student** website and their **PGP tab in the HUB**.

Find the link on your school's website



Naviance | Student

Login with your student using their HUB ID & PW

- Students will use this website throughout their secondary personal growth planning for college and career planning and research.
- Middle school students can begin to develop their knowledge of potential colleges and careers by exploring the options independently.

Once logged into **Naviance Family Connection**:



Home Colleges Careers About Me **My Planner**

- **PGP activity progress** can be viewed by clicking on the “my planner” tab and clicking on the “tasks” link and look for “tasks assigned to me”.



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✓ Career key

Learning Styles Inventory

- “**Learning styles**” and “**career key**” assessments can be viewed by clicking on the “**about me**” tab and reviewing the “**my assessments**” section.
- The “**Learning Style**” assessment (**7th grade**) helps students understand their learning preferences. Knowing and adjusting to your learning and preferences can help make learning easier and more enjoyable.
- The “**Career Key**” (**8th grade**) is based on Holland’s theory of vocational choice. It is a good starting point for students as they begin to explore potential future careers.
- **Middle school and high school is a great time to explore** potential future careers through experiential learning and research. When planning for high school, students may consider taking high school courses that align with their interests. Community enrichment opportunities are also a good option for exploration.