Your Amundsen Administrative Team

Principal
Anna Pavichevich

Assistant Principal
Kristi Eilers

Assistant Principal
Minh Nguyen

Assistant Principal
Cybill Ortiz
Your AHS Counseling Department  
Located in Rm 126

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Ms. Chinchilla Counseling Clerk  
Mr. Nguyen Counseling Department Intern
LAUNCH INTO THE FUTURE
Office of School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising
Learn.Plan.Succeed. supports the district’s mission of providing a high quality education to every child by ensuring every student has equitable access to resources and supports to successfully realize and fulfill a concrete postsecondary plan.

To provide a high quality public education for every child, in every neighborhood, that prepares each for success in college, career, and civic life.
Learn.Plan.Succeed. Implementation

In a continued effort to ensure that CPS students are receiving the supports and services they need to be successful in college, career, and life, we are expanding the definition of post-secondary plans that will be part of a student’s graduation requirement and a school’s rating:

LEARN.PLAN.SUCCEED.

Post-secondary Plan Options and Required Evidence

COLLEGE
Acceptance and Financial Aid Award Letter

MILITARY
Enlistment Letter

WORK
Offer Letter

TRADE/APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
Acceptance Letter

JOB PROGRAM
Admission Letter

GAP YEAR PROGRAM
Admission Letter

OTHER**
Counselor/Coach Verified Option

OLD DEFINITION

STUDENTS MUST HAVE AN EVIDENCE BASED CONCRETE PLAN IN ORDER TO GRADUATE

EXPANDED DEFINITION
To ensure equity in access, our goal is that college is an option for all graduates, regardless of whether or not they intend to enroll. Therefore, all students will continue to be provided information on college options, financial aid, and other steps to pursue college.

A college pathway available to students extends across a number of categories in approximately 4,000 institutions of higher education, including:

- 2-year, 4-year, Private, Public, Trade Schools, Liberal Arts College, Trade Schools, Single Sex, Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Learn More

Speak with your student’s counselor about receiving access to Naviance, CPS’s postsecondary platform.

Make sure your student has used the SuperMatch tool to see the best schools for their needs and the career cluster profile!
If your student is interested in the military, they should speak with their counselor. Branches of the Military students may choose to pursue:

- **ARMY**
- **AIR FORCE**
- **NAVY**
- **MARINES**
- **COAST GUARD**

**Delayed Entry Program**

**College Access Program (Army)**

**Evidence:** Enlistment Letter

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**LEARN MORE**

- [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)
- [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil)
- [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil)
- [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)
- [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)
Students may choose to pursue a career or job after graduating high school:

Current employment
Workforce connection programs

DID YOU KNOW

Family Supporting Wage:
The hourly rate an individual must earn to support their family if they are the sole provider and are working full-time. Learn more with the MIT Living Wage Calculator.
Trade and apprenticeship programs provide students with hands-on learning experiences that provide on-the-job training and instruction that leads to a career. Financial aid exists for some trade programs as well. Most industries have an apprenticeship pathway for those who are interested.

**DID YOU KNOW**
Employers have hired over 325,000 Apprentices since January 2017.

**TRADE/APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

Evidence: Acceptance Letter

**LEARN MORE**

- Illinois Department of Employment Security
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Chicago Women in Trades
- Chicago Building Trades
- CISCO
- National Institute for Metalworking Skills
A gap year program after graduation allows students to explore career paths or gain experience through service to inform their future pathway:

- AmeriCorps State and National
- AmeriCorps VISTA
- AmeriCorps NCCC
- Year Up
- City Year
- Public Allies
- Global Citizen Year
- FEMA Corps
- Peace Corps
- WWOOF

Learn more about gap year programs and service year programs at:

- Gap Year Association
- Service Year Exchange
- Serve Illinois
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Employers of National Service
Job training programs provide students with training that directly informs their chosen career path:

- Industry specific job programs
- Programs through technical schools
The Naviance platform is integral to Learn.Plan.Succeed. implementation as it will be the district's, OSCPA's, and schools' primary way of tracking, progress monitoring, and evaluating strategies.

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<th>Cool Things to do in Naviance (Roadtrip Nation, SuperMatch &amp; Career Interest Profiler)</th>
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<td>Naviance is a great starting point for your student to start exploring their college and career interests. Students can explore RoadTrip Nation, play with College SuperMatch, or take a Career Interest Profiler. All of these activities can help spark discussions between your family and the school counselor.</td>
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Learn.Plan.Succeed. requires the support of parents and community members in helping young people explore various post secondary pathways and pursue them.

**NAVIANE**

Everything for Learn.Plan.Succeed. is in Naviance. Make sure to register for Naviance for Parents with your school counselor and work with your students on their individual learning plans.

**STAY INVOLVED**

Meet regularly with your student’s counselor to stay up to date on their progress, important events, and upcoming deadlines.

**EXPLORATION**

Explore postsecondary pathways with your student through Naviance’s RoadTrip Nation or Career Day. Most importantly, keep the conversation flowing!
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English (4.0 credits)
- English I; English II; English III; and English IV

Mathematics (3.0 credits)
- Algebra I; Geometry; and Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry

Science (3.0 credits)
- Biology (1 Credit); 2 credits from Chemistry, Earth & Space Science; Environmental Science or Physics

Social Science (3.0 credits)
- World Studies (1 credit); US History (1 credit); and Civics (1 credit)

World Language (2.0 credits)
- Must be in same language

Computer Science (1.0 credit)

Physical Education (2.0 credits)

Fine Arts (2.0 Credits)

Career Education (1.0 Credit)

Electives (3.0 Credits)

**Financial Education (Consumer Education)**
- Must complete a course that integrates consumer education into its curriculum.

**District-Wide Assessment (DWA)**
- Must take the SAT or DLM-AA (April, 2019)

**Driver Education**
- Must complete a course that integrates Driver Education into its curriculum.

**Health Education**
- Must complete a course that integrates Health Education into its curriculum.

**Post Secondary Plan (Learn.Plan.Succeed)**
- Must provide evidence of a Post-Secondary Plan on Naviance

**Public Law 195**
- Must complete a course that integrates the US and Illinois Constitution Exams

**Service Learning**
- Two Classroom integrated Service Learning Projects
  - One project must be completed in Civics or any other Social Science course.

24 Total Credits
Welcome Parents!
GEAR UP
Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Senior Class 2020
- FAFSA Completion
- College Applications
- Personal Essays
- Scholarships and other forms of financial aid

Junior Class 2021
- SAT Prep Classes
- College Tours
- Workshops
Meet the Team!

Monica J. Martinez  
GEAR UP College  
Access Coordinator

Diana Romero  
GEAR UP College  
& Career Coach

Lilibeth Vazquez  
GEAR UP  
Parent Mentor
Meet the Team!

Ana Razo  
*Student Mentor*

Jose Muñoz  
*Student Mentor*

Micha’e Avery  
*Student Mentor*

Victor Salgado  
*Student Mentor*
Parent Mentor

Lilibeth Vazquez  GEAR UP Parent Mentor
L-vazquez2@neiu.edu
GEAR UP in room 109
Office Number 773.534.2669
Parent Engagement

- FAFSA Support
  - Creating an FSA ID
- Parent Workshops
- Parent/Student College Visits
- Parent Connection through Aspen (formally Parent Portal)
- English/Spanish translation when needed
September 21st - SAT Prep @ Loyola University

September 2019

October 16th - PSAT
October 26th - Essays that Open Doors

October 2019

College exploration

November-December 2019

Career Exploration

February 2020

March 2020

April 2020

May-June 2020

College Exploration

SAT

Posse Nominee Process

Junior Timeline
Summer 2020 Focus

- College Bootcamp - (Personal statements, college list and visits, scholarships, and financial aid)
- SAT retakes or ACT test option (more retake options throughout academic year)
- Take Dual Enrollment Classes @ City Colleges of Chicago
- Aug 1st - Common Application opens
- Gates Scholarship Application
- Apply to Fly-in programs
SAT

Scholastic Assessment Test

- Entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions
- Retakes offered nationally every month throughout the year
  - ACT
- SAT Prep Saturday program offered through GEAR UP @ Loyola University (First session Sept.- Dec; Second session January - March)
- AHS will offer SAT bootcamp as well, more info to come
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<td>$46 ($60 if taking SAT with Essay)**</td>
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<td>Average SAT Score</td>
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**SAT Waivers available in the GEAR UP office**
Need Help?
GEAR UP and Counselors are here for you!

**Student/Parent Drop in dates:**
College and Career Resource Room (CCRC room 114)

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GEAR UP office in Room 109
Counseling Office in Room 126
College & Career Resource in Room 114

Thank you for coming to AHS’s Parent Night!
COLLEGE POSSIBLE

AMUNDSEN HIGH SCHOOL

INFO SESSION
What do we do?

+ Explore the world of college
+ SAT test prep
+ Guidance through admissions process
+ Financial aid & scholarships
+ Transition from high school to college
In their junior year, each College Possible student receives at least 180 hours of coaching and support.
EXPECTATIONS AND COMMITMENT

SENIOR YEAR

+ After school sessions 2 times per week
+ Apply to at least 5 colleges
+ Apply for scholarships
+ Complete financial aid applications
+ Attend a campus visit
+ Attend service events
+ Attend summer bridge
Ongoing coaching sessions with your college coach

Register for classes

Complete financial aid paperwork

Communicate proactively with coach about any issues or challenges
HOW DO I APPLY?

+ Apply online at
  www.collegepossible.org/join

+ Emails:
  + alevinson@collegepossible.org
  + mrosas-barajas@collegepossible.org