



Aspiration into Action

MSD Decatur Township College and Career Readiness Department

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Upcoming Events across the district:

- ◆ Middle School Naviance Kick-off event with 21st Century Scholars—**October 7**
- ◆ Free College Planning Workshop at Decatur Library—**October 8**
- ◆ **Fall Break—Oct 13-24**
- ◆ PSAT gr 10-11; ReadStep gr 9 testing at DCHS on **October 29**
- ◆ College Application Day for Seniors —**October 29**

Naviance Logins Soar!

We are rolling out the Naviance Parent login process building by building, starting with DCHS. During parent conference day on October 1, there were a total of **282 DCHS parents** who logged into Naviance for the first time!!!

At DCHS there have been over **2700** student logins—with 400 of them occurring this week.

PSAT

The **PSAT** is a vital step on the pathway to college and career success. The test assesses the critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills students need for college and beyond. A score of a 46 or higher on any section meets one measure of college readiness.

ReadiStep

ReadiStep is the first step on the College Board's College Readiness Pathway — an integrated series of assessments that includes the PSAT and the SAT. Together,

these assessments measure a progression of skills and help schools and districts make targeted interventions at critical points in a student's career. More information about College Board tests can be found at

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

PrepMe

PrepMe is a test preparation component of Naviance available to grades 8—12. Students can use it to prepare for PSAT, SAT and ACT.

College Planning Workshop

A free college planning workshop will be held at the Decatur Library on Wednesday, **October 8** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Seating is limited so you can reserve a seat by registering at <http://freedecaturworkshop.evenbrite.com>

Why is it important for parents to log into Naviance?



- ◆ Review results of assessments to learn more about their students' interests and learning profile
- ◆ Encourage goal setting as a recipe for success
- ◆ Communicate with school staff to stay informed on what is happening in the classroom
- ◆ Stay informed about upcoming events
- ◆ Monitor tasks and activities to identify early intervention opportunities
- ◆ Coach and guide to ensure their students are making informed decisions
- ◆ Review student course plans to ensure they are on track to meet school graduation requirements
- ◆ Monitor and guide student progress during the college application process
- ◆ Research colleges, careers, and scholarships and offer suggestions to align to student's needs