



## PERSONAL PATHWAYS PREPARES 8TH GRADERS FOR SUCCESS

### CLUSTERS OF STUDY

A/V TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

FINANCE

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH SCIENCE

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

HUMAN SERVICES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MANUFACTURING

MARKETING, SALES AND SERVICE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS

### THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE.

And Personal Pathways to Success is where you can start.

We're helping make your school experience forward-looking and exciting by letting you learn more about job and career opportunities available and by giving you a choice in what you study.

### HOW?

With up to 16 career-focused clusters of study to choose from and an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) you fill out with your parents. (High schools in South Carolina are required to offer a minimum of three career clusters and corresponding cluster majors.)

- All 8th grade students will develop an IGP that includes general graduation requirements and coursework, including out-of-classroom learning opportunities related to your chosen clusters of study.
- Your IGP will be updated annually should your interests or career goals change.
- You can also learn outside of the classroom through job shadowing, mentoring, service learning, school-based enterprises, cooperative education, internships and apprenticeships.
- By the end of 10th grade, you will choose a career major that matches your "cluster."

### WHAT IS AN INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PLAN (IGP)

An Individual Graduation Plan is a school document you, your parents and guidance counselor create to help you focus on your interests, abilities and career goals and desires. And beginning in January 2008, you can complete yours online.

IGPs should:

- Be based on your selected cluster of study and an academic focus within that cluster
- Include, but not be limited to, all core academic courses (English, math, science and social studies) needed to meet state graduation requirements
- Include out-of-class, work-based learning opportunities
- Be approved by your parents or guardians

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