

Career Clusters and Career Pathways at NHS

What are Career Clusters?

Career Clusters are a way of grouping careers with common features and skills. Careers grouped into the same cluster typically require similar education and training. Exploring clusters can be a useful way to find a good career match; especially if you have general areas of interest but are not sure what specific careers match those interests. Career clusters can also help you better understand how your coursework in school can prepare you for certain types of careers. (Naviance, retrieved 11/20/12)

All 9th grade students complete the “Cluster Finder” in Naviance during a scheduled Counselor Workshop. Students are asked to save two clusters and a career in each cluster in their Naviance student portfolio. This information can be found under the Careers Tab in each student’s portfolio.

What is a Career Pathway?

A career pathway is a way to organize similar occupation/career specialties around shared knowledge and skills. Each identified career pathway provides information on related electives and extracurricular programs.

Why is this information important?

This information will be useful as you plan for the future and realize the connection between high school, college or post-secondary training, and careers. If you have any questions, please speak with your School Counselor or stop by the Career Center.