What is the High School Career Coach Program?

Virginia Community Colleges High School Career Coaches are community college employees who are based in local high schools to help high school students to define their career aspirations and to recognize community college and other postsecondary programs, including apprenticeships and workforce training, that can help students achieve their educational and financial goals.

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A high school career coach works in high schools with students to:

- Facilitate the development of individual career plans and portfolios
- Gather information on careers and career pathways
- Connect to early college programs such as dual enrollment
- Ease the transition from high school to postsecondary education, training, and the skilled workforce
- Make informed decisions about colleges and careers

Who does a High School Career Coach serve?

A high school career coach works alongside guidance counselors to help:

**STUDENTS**
- Create career plans and establish goals
- Obtain work-based learning experiences
- Identify sources for financial assistance
- Complete college applications

A high school career coach is also available to meet with **PARENTS** to provide information related to financial aid, college applications, workforce training options, and their child's educational and career plans.

A high school career coach works with **TEACHERS** to conduct career assessments and plan classroom presentations on topics such as resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and occupational research.

When to refer a student to a High School Career Coach?

Here are just a few reasons to refer a student to the services of a high school career coach...

**The Student:**
- Is uncertain about what to do after high school
- Wants to explore options related to colleges and careers
- Would like to enroll in a career and technical education program and/or dual enrollment courses
- Wants help with resume writing and interviewing skills
- Would like to learn about financial aid resources
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