

ready for your future?

When you were younger, you probably thought about what you would be when you grew up. Now, you're just a few years away from high school graduation - and you'll be grown up before you know it. Will you be ready to apply to that favorite college or to step into your dream job? Will you be able to support yourself and be independent? How can you create the future you want for yourself? Now's the time to start figuring it out.

don't panic. start here. student success plan.

Thinking about your future can be overwhelming. But, don't panic. Now, you have help. This year, the Delaware Department of Education is introducing the Student Success Plan (SSP). It's a new program that will help you explore your interests, develop a long-range career plan, and give you the support you need during high school to achieve your goals.

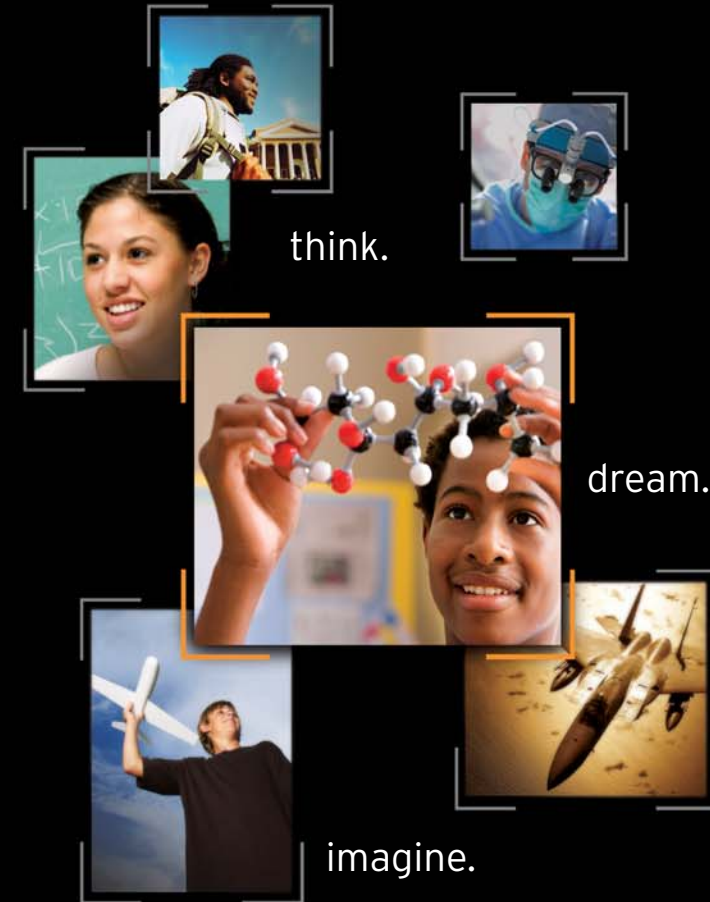
The SSP will be offered in a user-friendly, web-based format you'll enjoy using. (Your parents can access it too.) During the school year, teachers and counselors will guide you in using the web site. You'll have a great way to envision your future, and a tool to help plan your path to success.

reaching higher for student success

Developing the potential and supporting the success of our young men and women is the most important job of Delaware's public schools. At the high school level, this goal becomes even more important as we prepare our students for the challenges that lie ahead.

Today's high school graduates will enter a global market place that is increasingly more challenging and competitive. The Delaware Department of Education and our public schools are responding through Reaching Higher for Student Success. This initiative is designed to ensure that students graduate prepared for success in college, work and citizenship. Through national and local collaborative efforts, the DOE is leading several educational reform activities to revitalize its public middle and high schools. The Student Success Plans are an important part of these efforts.

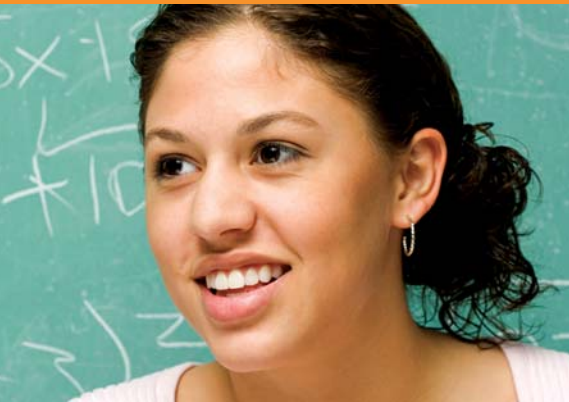
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think. dream. imagine...

The SSP website will give you a roadmap to the future that you can personalize from day one. The site makes it easy to think through the realities of the careers you dream about. It helps you imagine your future, and match up your own interests, likes and dislikes, and strengths and skills. You'll get a real-life perspective on professions through multi-media videos and interviews with people doing those jobs right now. That way, you can see if a possible career choice is right for you.

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Once you narrow down your career possibilities, the SSP will show you what it will take to get there. You'll find out what to study in high school, and what courses are offered at your school. You can also explore colleges, admissions requirements, and financial aid. Plus, the site will give you a place to keep a record of your work experience and extracurricular activities. You'll need all of this when it comes time to apply to college, or if you're applying for a job.

connect with success!

Here's a quick look at how the SSP web site can help you connect with success.

Career Matchmaker :: This survey will ask you about your likes, dislikes, skills and interests. Then, it'll suggest possible career matches. It will also tell you how the skills you have right now match up with the requirements for the job. Then, it will suggest additional skills or education you'll need.

Occupation Profiles :: From Actuary to Zoologist, the SSP will give you a real-world view of more than 500 occupations. SSP profiles include videos, multi-media interviews, and information about work conditions, salaries and more. Most importantly, you'll find out what education and training you'll need for the jobs that interest you.

Colleges and Universities :: You'll be able to see information on thousands of 2-year and 4-year colleges, as well as career and technical schools throughout the country. You can learn about courses, extracurricular activities, financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Portfolio Tools :: The SSP site will give you a place to save and organize all of your career and planning information. The Portfolio Tools section helps you develop and save your education plan, create a resume, and record awards, achievements, extracurricular activities and work experience.

Course Selection Menus :: The courses offered at your high school will be listed in a drop down menu on the SSP site. So, once you figure out your career or college goals, you can easily choose the courses you need to reach your goals.

tomorrow starts today.

So, what happens now? If you're in 8th or 9th grade, you'll start learning about the SSP program in the 2007 - 2008 school year. Your teachers and counselors will help you get started with the program, and guide you in creating your career or college plans.

You'll be able to access the web site from school or from home. Remember, college and careers are just a few years away. Use all of the tools available on the SSP site to plan ahead, and get ahead.

Your parents can access the site, too. Why not show them the choices you're thinking about? Remember, your parents have a lot of experience in working and living. Their insights can help you make smart choices.

get going!

Ready to get going? Take a look at the SSP site today. Just visit www.ReachingHigherDE.com/ssp. Use the site to think, dream, imagine - and make the future happen according to your plan. There's no better way to create your path to success!

