

Imagine every student ready for the future.

As a teacher or counselor, you know that your job is all about preparing students for the future. The problem is that students don't always see school, your efforts, or their own success the same way. From attendance, to classroom performance to course selection, wouldn't it be great if your students understood that you share their dream, and that what they're doing right now will affect their future success?

It all starts here. Student success plan.

This year, the Delaware Department of Education will introduce Student Success Plans (SSP) for all students in 8th and 9th grades. The SSP is an exciting program that will help students plan for their future, while providing educators with the tools to support them as they do so. The SSP may be developed with the aid of a highly user-friendly, online program that students will enjoy exploring on their own, and as part of guided advisement.

Through the SSP process, each student will meet with a teacher, mentor or advisor at least annually to set a path and logical steps for academic achievement based on their aspirations and career goals.



Reaching higher for student success

Reaching Higher for Student Success is a Delaware Department of Education (DOE) initiative designed to ensure that students graduate prepared for success in college, work and citizenship. Through national and local collaborative efforts, DOE is leading several educational reform activities to revitalize its public middle and high schools.

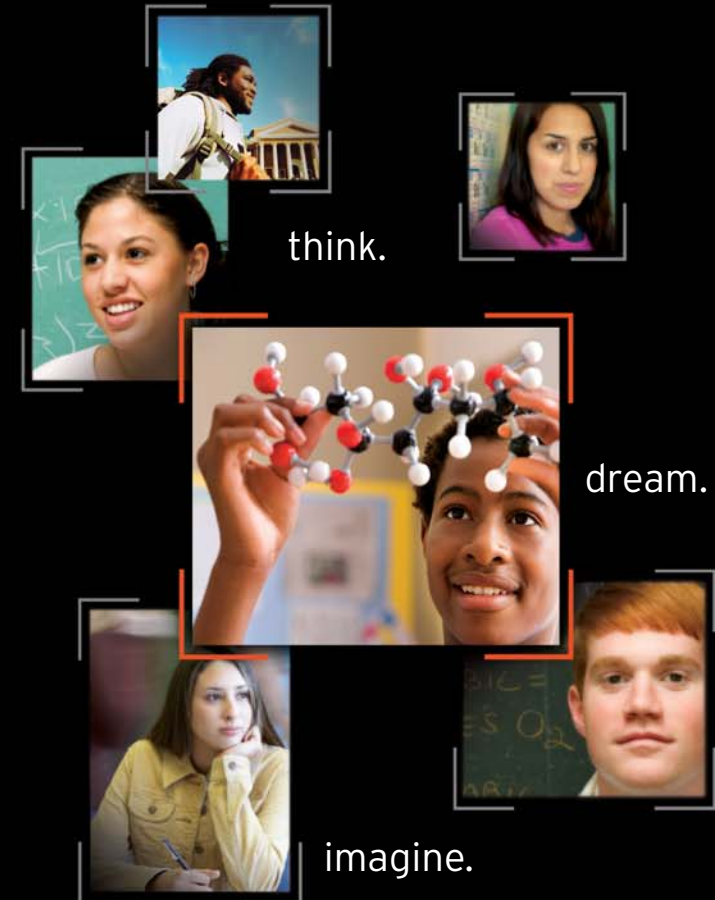
The SSP initiative is one component of our ongoing efforts. The program was recently piloted in a number of Delaware schools. Here's what teachers and counselors had to say:

"From past experience, the greatest value I found was the personal contact, one-on-one with students."

"It personalizes the school experience - for both students and faculty."

"The SSP connects students with adults who care about them as individuals and who can help them navigate through their school years, academically and socially."

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make it happen.
student success plan



think. dream. imagine...

The SSP website gives students a personal roadmap to the future that can be personalized from day one. It encourages students to think, dream and imagine their ideal future, while at the same time recognizing their own interests, likes and dislikes, and strengths and skills. The SSP matches that information with possible career choices, then gives students a real-life perspective on those professions through multi-media videos and interviews with people doing those jobs right now.

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Most importantly, the SSP shows students what it will take to achieve that dream job. It suggests what to study in high school, and will include a menu of course offerings at Delaware schools. Students can also explore colleges, admissions requirements, and financial aid. The site even provides a place to record work experience, extracurricular activities and more.

connect with success!

Here's a quick look at how the SSP web site helps students connect with success.

Career Matchmaker :: An in-depth questionnaire assesses student likes, dislikes, skills and interests, then suggests possible career matches. It also explains how the student's current skills match up with occupation requirements, and suggests additional skills or education that will be needed.

Occupation Profiles :: From Actuary to Zoologist, the SSP site gives students an opportunity to get a real-world view of more than 500 occupations. The profiles include videos, multi-media interviews,

and information about work conditions, earnings and more. Most importantly, students will learn about the education and training required for specific jobs.

Colleges and Universities :: Comprehensive information is provided on thousands of 2-year and 4-year colleges, as well as career and technical schools throughout the country. Students can learn about courses, extracurricular activities, plus financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Portfolio Tools :: The SSP site offers a place for students to save and organize career exploration activities, develop an education plan, and create a resume. This section also allows students to record awards, achievements, extracurricular activities, and work experience.

Course Selection Menus :: High school courses will be listed in drop down menus on the site. So, once students establish their career or college goals, they can choose the courses they need to make it happen.

tomorrow starts today.

Once implemented, the goal of the SSP program will be to introduce students to the program in 8th grade, so that all incoming freshmen will have a five-year Student Success Plan in place when they enter high school. This year, the SSP program will be introduced to students in both 8th and 9th grades. Selected teachers and guidance counselors will be trained to guide students through the program. Train-the-trainer sessions began in June, 2007 and the program will be introduced to individual schools throughout the year.

teaching tools

The SSP online program is highly user-friendly for students, while offering a number of tools that make it easy for teachers and counselors to offer guidance.

- :: A dedicated site offers a full range of customizable tools for teachers, counselors and administrators
- :: Automatically link from career planning information to school course information
- :: Easily run reports on student usage and progress, or mass print SSPs
- :: Communicate important information to students quickly and easily with an integrated messaging center
- :: A full set of curriculum designed around the SSP can be immediately applied in the classroom

While offering in-school student advisement, the SSP also encourages students to use the site at home. The self-paced format and easy-to-use features invite and encourage student exploration.

imagine success!

Take a look at the SSP site today. Just visit www.ReachingHigherDE.com/ssp. You'll quickly see how easy it is for students to think, dream and imagine - and for educators to help them develop a plan for achieving their goals.

