





Student Vision Profile January 2024

Your roadmap toward a thriving future begins here. This guide is designed to support you as you engage in meaningful conversations about life after high school. In PWCS, a student's trajectory is limitless. The information provided in this Student Vision Profile report will ensure that all students and their families have the tools necessary to navigate the road that lies ahead.

John's Progress Toward a Thriving Future

Category	Your Data	What It Means
 Graduation Status	Applied Studies Diploma	You are on track to graduate!
 Career Interest	Manufacturing	This has been identified as a high demand field in Prince William County
 Career Interest	Marketing	This has been identified as a high demand field in Prince William County
 Career Interest	Hospitality & Tourism	This has been identified as a high demand field in Prince William County

How to Use This Guide

Start the Conversation

When you see this prompt you will find helpful tips to guide your conversation.



Get Moving

Set time aside to talk about your future.



Think About It

When you see this prompt think about what is possible.



Explore Resources

Resources are provided to support you along this journey. This prompt is provided to remind you to explore what is available to assist in the transition planning process. PWCS Course Catalog.



Glossary of Terms

College Accommodations

Services that provide students with a disability an equal opportunity to benefit from the educational process.

Competitive Employment

Working either full- or part-time, after leaving high school.

Integrated Employment (or supported)

An employment setting that provides the support necessary to learn and maintain work skills.

Job Coach

Person providing assistance to an individual to learn or maintain a job.

Rehabilitation Counselors

Work with various state departments and community programs to provide services.



Self-Determination Skills

Self-determination is a mix of skills students will use throughout life to choose and set goals, be involved in making life decision, self-advocating, and working to reach their goals. Self-determination skills empower students to make choices independently according to their interests, needs, and abilities.

Start the Conversation
How can skills be paired to a career?

Discuss with your counselor/transition specialist which resources will support you through your post-secondary plans and beyond!

Self-Awareness	Problem-Solving	Decision Making	Goal Setting
<p>Understand your emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behaviors in different contexts, such as home, school and/or work. This includes being able to recognize your strengths and limitations.</p>	<p>“How would you handle an angry customer?” or “How do you respond when a customer asks for a refund?” Practicing how you might handle these or other scenarios common in your industry can help you call upon solutions quickly when they arise on the job.</p>	<p>The ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety, and social norms.</p>	<p>Work to identify short and long term SMART goals to fulfill your vision for yourself.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific Measurable Attainable Realistic Time-bound</p>



Career Pathway to Consider Manufacturing

	HS Diploma		Certifications & Credentials	
Virginia Growth Industry Jobs	Foundry Mold & Coremakers	Mixing & Blending Machine Operators	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	Crushing, Grinding, & Polishing Machine Operators
Hourly Wage	\$20.01	\$19.64	\$20.53	\$20.15
Median Annual Income	\$36,065		\$42,310	
Colleges to Consider	NOVA , Germanna Community College , Prince George Community College		Brightpoint Community College , Eastern Shore Community College , NOVA	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Welding Technology Computer Systems Technology, Electronic & Communications Engineering Technology		Welding Technology Computer Systems Technology, Electronic & Communications Engineering Technology	

JOHN'S Action Steps

Please discuss the below recommendations with your special education case manager and school counselor.





Get Moving
Post-Secondary Pathway Check Lists



You should consider the post-secondary opportunities that are of interest right now. Remember career plans and interests adjust throughout life.

Prepare For Your Future

Take action! Next steps to prepare you for graduation and beyond are provided below.


	Fall (Aug – Nov)	Winter (Dec- Feb)	Spring (Mar- June)		
Graduation Action Steps	<p>1 You should connect with the school counselor/transition specialist to ensure you are fulfilling all of the requirements for high school graduation and identify any areas where you may need additional support.</p>	<p>2 Consider the longer-term goals and what support you may need to achieve them. Map out different career possibilities of interest, and the paths required to reach them.</p>	<p>3 Ensure you continue to stay on top of the PWCS graduation requirements. Make sure course work, attendance, and self-care are aligned for success during the second part of the year.</p>	<p>4 Polish your resume, and to review it with others for additional perspectives and feedback!</p>	<p>5 Finish the year strong! You should keep up good self-advocacy and self-determination skills that you can use after graduation.</p> 
Career Connected Learning Action Steps	<p>1 Connect with the school transition specialist to identify opportunities for career classes that are suited to your interests and skills, as well as for potential work-based learning (WBL) and community-based instruction opportunities.</p>	<p>2 Work with the school transition specialist to learn about potential part-time, summer work, internships and/or job shadowing opportunities. Transition specialists can also recommend fairs or workplace tours that can help you learn more.</p>	<p>3 Attend PWCS Transition Fair. Prepare yourself by reflecting on your career interests, updating your resume, and defining your soundbite that captures you and your future goals.</p>	<p>4 Inquire and research credential and certificate opportunities you can earn while in high school by talking with your teachers and school counselor.</p>	<p>5 Attend the PWCS summer job fair. Also, internship opportunities are offered for a variety of industries to allow you to get experience. Consider job shadowing a parent/guardian.</p> 
Community College Action Steps	<p>1 Every class and year counts; this is on your transcript. Make sure you are challenging yourself in advanced courses in areas of your strength. You could earn college credit by taking those courses and passing the associated exam.</p>	<p>2 Make sure you are getting involved in a way that is authentic to your interests, values, and passion; consider club, organization, volunteering, sports, or in the arts. The way you spend your time and energy will add context to your story when you apply to college.</p>	<p>3 Consider attending a PWCS College Fair or college tour. Attend College visits at your school https://student.naviance.com/colleges/ visits. During senior year you will be submitting applications at this point in the year. Make sure you are forming relationships with teachers and counselors for future letters of recommendation.</p>	<p>4 January is a heavy time for scholarship applications and submitting the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) senior year. Colleges have scholarships that sometimes require direct applications; check naviance for local scholarships posted by PWCS.</p>	<p>5 End the year STRONG! This is critical! Your final grades will impact your transcript and GPA. GPA is often used for merit scholarship qualifications. Work with your teachers and mentors for tutoring.</p> 
Military Action Steps	<p>1 Every career exists in the military with service opportunities through enlistment, academy, ROTC, National Guard, and Reserves. Branches visit all high schools.</p>	<p>2 The ASVAB is a timed, multi-aptitude exam. Scores from this exam can give you insight into careers. Students 16 y/o and older can take the ASVAB. See your school counselor to sign up for the ASVAB testing at your school.</p>	<p>3 Pass the physical exam! Your recruiter will discuss any physical eligibility requirements with you.</p>	<p>4 You should connect with a service enlistment counselor to identify the right job specialty. Continue maintaining good grades and stay actively involved in extracurricular activities!</p>	<p>5 The final step is to accept an offer through ROTC, academy appointment, or taking the Oath of Enlistment with a scheduled MEPS and bootcamp date.</p> 
Apprenticeship Program Action Steps	<p>1 Become aware of the different careers that offer apprenticeships. Learn more about the apprenticeship planning process online here.</p>	<p>2 Earn while you learn through an apprenticeship model! Look up registered companies who offer approved apprenticeship programs where your hours and training will be included as you build your career.</p>	<p>3 Review the application process and prepare for any relevant apprenticeship exams and interviews!</p>	<p>4 When appropriate, you should complete the apprenticeship program applications that are due. Many of these, like the IBEW electrical application, are due in March of your senior year.</p>	<p>5 Finish the school year strong, and maintain good study and work habits. Having a daily routine and personal organization will help you be successful.</p> 



Community Resources

Provided in the table below is a comprehensive list of community led resources that can support you. These resources include employment, training, education and other post-secondary supports.

Think About It
Post-secondary Plans



Discuss with your counselor/transition specialist which resources will support you through your post-secondary plans and beyond!

Resource	Location	Website	Contact
The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	7900 Sudley Rd., Ste. 309, Manassas, VA 20109	https://www.dars.virginia.gov/drs/vr/	(703) 335-5550
PWC Parks and Recreation	14420 Bristow Rd., Manassas, VA 20112	https://www.pwcva.gov/department/parks-recreation	(703) 792-7060 (TTY: 711)
WIOA/Virginia Career Works – Prince William Center	13370 Minnieville Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22192	https://vcwnorthern.com/	(703) 586-6800 (TTY: 711)
Prince William County Community Services (CSB)	7969 Ashton Ave. Manassas, VA 20109 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22191	https://www.pwcva.gov/department/community-services	(703) 792-5241 (TTY: 711)
ACE-IT in College	1314 West Main St. Box 842011 Richmond, VA 23284-2011	https://aceitcollege.org	aceit@vcu.edu
College Living Experience	Montgomery College, 401 North Washington St., Ste. 420 Rockville, MD	https://experiencecle.com/	CollegeLivingExperience3@ExperienceCLE.com
The Mason LIFE Program	4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030	https://masonlife.gmu.edu/	https://cehd.gmu.edu/contact-us
GMU Mason Autism Support Initiative (MASI)	4400 University Dr., MSN 5C9 Student Union Building 1, Ste. 2500 Fairfax, VA 22030	https://ds.gmu.edu/	(703) 993-2474
NVCC Strive STRIVE, Inc-	2675 College Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22191	https://bit.ly/nvcc-strive-classes	(703) 503-6300
Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	10467 White Granite Dr. Ste. 312, Oakton, VA 22124	https://nvrc.org/	(703) 352-9055
The Virginia Department of Deaf and Hard Hearing (VDDHH)	1602 Rolling Hills Dr., Ste. 203 Henrico, VA 23229-5012	https://www.vddhh.virginia.gov/	(804) 662-9502
PEATC	403 Holiday Ct, Ste. 104 Warrenton, VA 20186	https://peatc.org/	(703) 923-0010
The ARC of GPW	13505 Hillendale Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22193	https://arcgpw.org/	(703) 670-4800
DVBI	11150 Fairfax Blvd. Ste. 502 Fairfax, VA 22030	https://www.dbvi.virginia.gov/	(703) 359-1100
The ARC of NOVA	3060 Williams Dr., Ste. 300, Fairfax, VA 22031	https://thearcnova.org/	(703) 208-1119
Prince William Community Services(CSB)	7969 Ashton Ave. Manassas, VA 20109 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22191	https://www.pwcva.gov/department/community-services/board	(703) 792-6000
Department of Social Services	7987 Ashton Av, Ste. 200. Manassas, VA 20109 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. Suite 180. Woodbridge VA 22191	https://www.pwcva.gov/department/social-services/about-us	(703) 792-7500 (TTY: 711)
Office of Disability Employment Policy	200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210	https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep	1 (866) 487-2365
DMAS Medicaid	600 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219	https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/	1 (833) 522-5CALLVA/ TDD: 1-888-221- 1590
The IEC	8409 Dorsey Cir., Ste. 101, Manassas, VA 20110	https://ieccil.org/	(703) 257-5400