Career and College Exploration 1

Family Information Sheet

College and Career Exploration I is an online 1 credit course offered in partnership with Middlesex Community College. All students have the opportunity to take College and Career Exploration I this year **free of charge** to earn 1 college credit.

In this course, students will learn essential student success skills, behaviors, and habits of mind that can be applied to increase success now and in future courses throughout high school, college and future career. Students will also have the opportunity to begin exploration of career fields and hone in on their interests.

- 1. The online class is loaded on Edgenuity with assigned tasks in Naviance
- 2. Students can access this course through their Clever account and students will also have a Naviance login (codes and directions distributed in student PLUS blocks)
- 3. Students will have until June 1 to complete this course.
- 4. Students will have the opportunity to work on this course at their own pace, with the goal of utilizing one PLUS block a week as a working session. Students can work on this class at home or in school.
- Counselors will oversee student progress, PLUS teachers will encourage students to work on their online class.
- 6. How you can support your student(s):
 - Promote the opportunity of a free 1 credit college course
 - Remind student(s) about the course
 - Ask your student(s) to see the course and their progress
 - Encourage student(s) to reach out to counselors with any questions

Benefits:

- Students will earn their first college credit!*
- Students will learn more about habits for success in high school, college and in your future career.
- Students will learn how to utilize Naviance as a tool for planning their next steps (during and after high school).
- Students will get experience with online, self-paced courses. This is great practice!
- Students will be eligible to apply for any of our Innovation Pathway Programs (Information Technology, Business and Finance, Advanced Manufacturing and Life Sciences) and any potential early college programming offered in the future at CHS.

Please reach out to school counselors if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

*This one credit IDS course is required by Middlesex Community College and will transfer to other public, Massachusetts state colleges and universities as a Behavioral and Social Science credit. For more information about transferable credit please check out the <u>Mass Transfer Program website</u>.

