

Postsecondary Resources

Spring 2025



Outcomes

- Families will know what postsecondary resources are available through Dist. 203
- Families will know how to best utilize SchooLinks & NCompass
- Families will know who to reach out to if they have postsecondary questions



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SchooLinks



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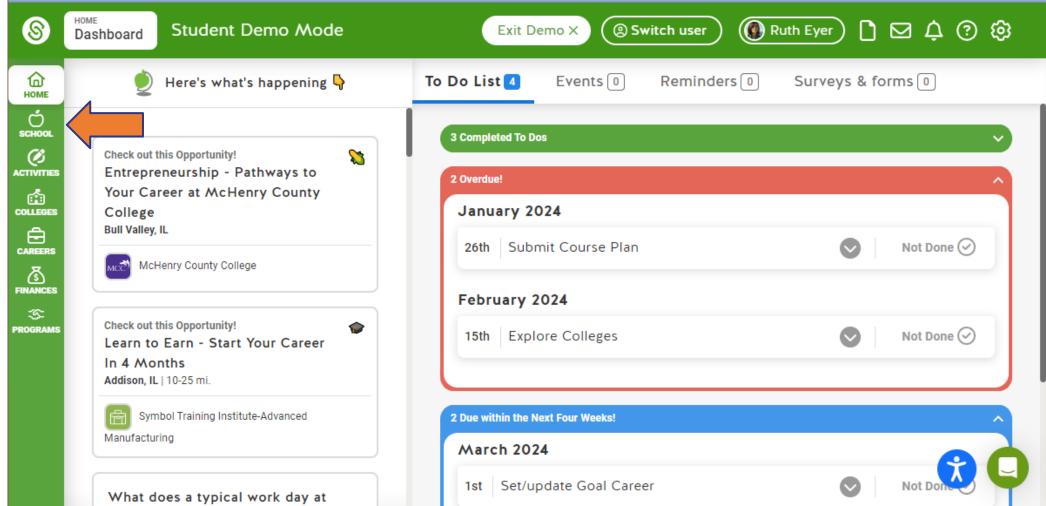
- SchooLinks is our digital college & career readiness platform, used for grades 6-12
- Students & Parents can access <u>SchooLinks here</u>
- Parents/Guardians: If you have not set-up your
 SchooLinks Parent account, check out this guide.



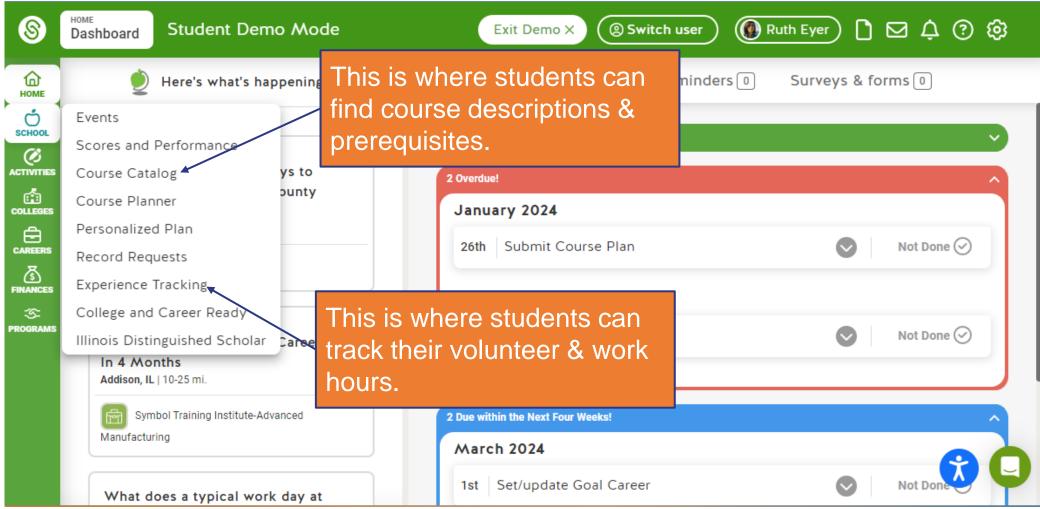
SchooLinks Resources

- School Search Tool: How to use the college/university search tool in SchooLinks
- Favorite Schools: Add colleges/universities to your "favorites" list
- College Visits: How to access upcoming college visits in SchooLinks
- Scattergrams: How to read & understand scattergram data within SchooLinks
- Planning Assessments: Multiple assessments to help you better plan for your future
 - Find Your Path: Get suggested careers and college majors based on your personality.
 - Would You Rather: Choose your favorite activities to get career suggestions.
 - Top Skills: Discover your top skills and areas for improvement.
 - Discover Your Campus Lifestyle: What kind of lifestyle do you want to lead on your college campus?
- <u>Student Profile</u>: Use this section to keep track of your high school experiences, achievements, & more! This will help a LOT when completing college applications!
- <u>Finances</u>: This section will be more relevant during Senior year. But this is a great time to check out what financing & scholarship opportunities are out there, so you can plan accordingly for Senior year!
- Experience Tracking: This allows you to track your volunteer hours, which may be needed when completing college applications.

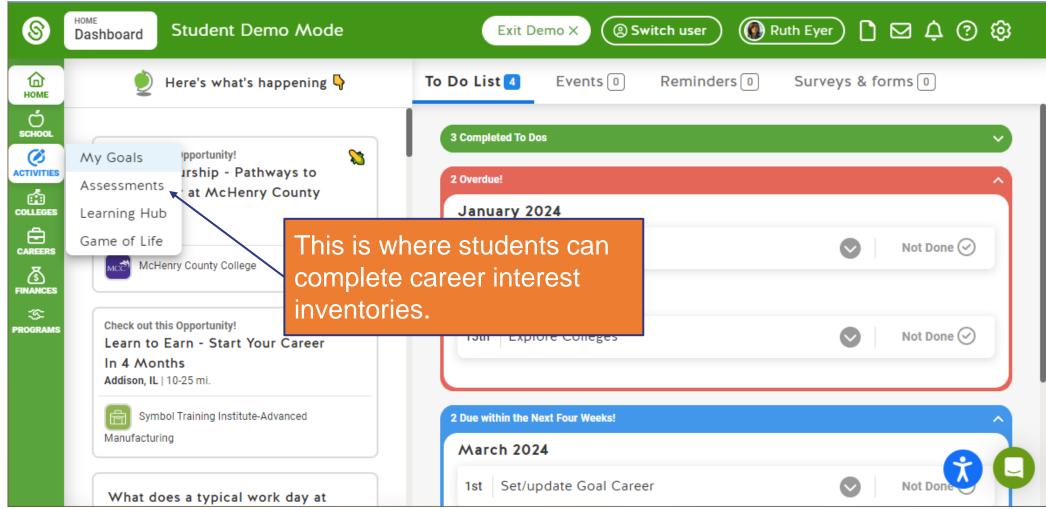




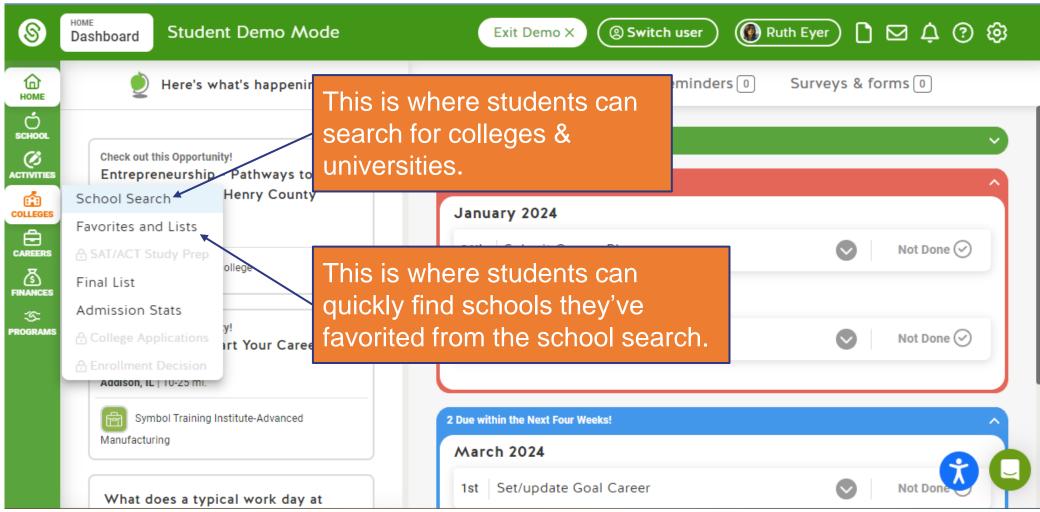




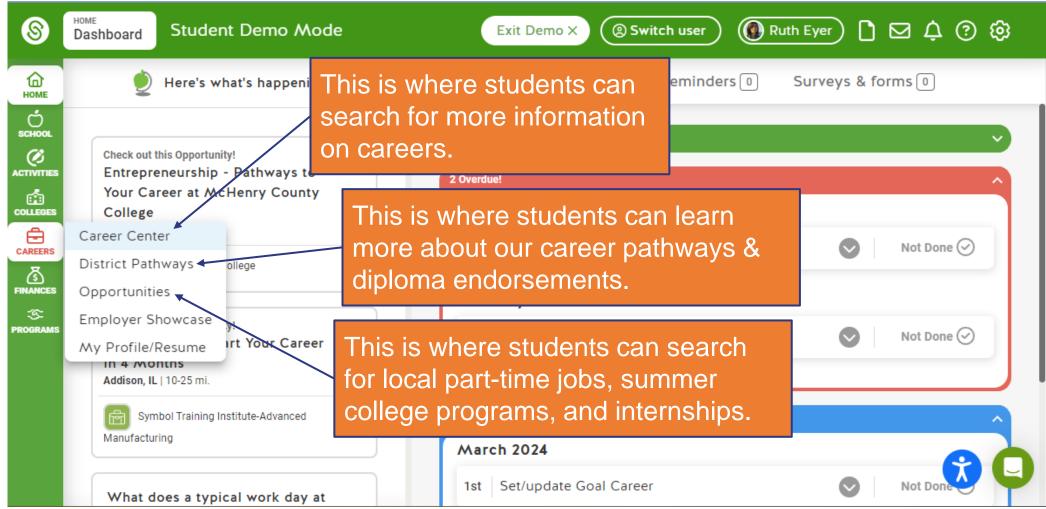




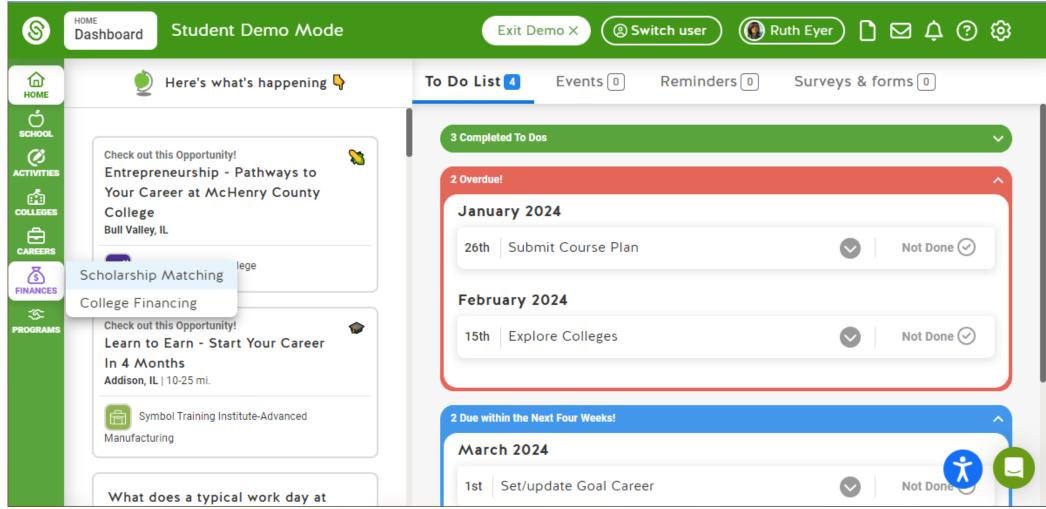












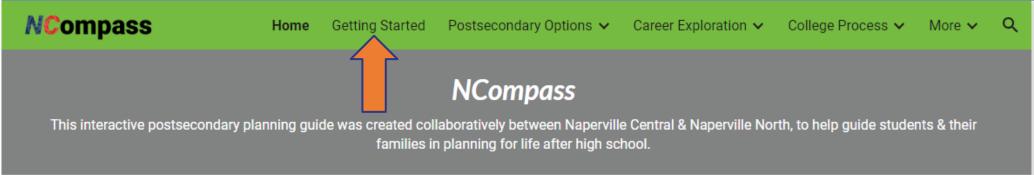


Compass



- Collaborative digital postsecondary planning guide, created by NNHS & NCHS College & Career Counselors
- Best of the best of both internal & external resources
- Provides resources & information for all postsecondary options: four-year college, community college, the trades, the military, and gap year programs





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Student Checklists

Now is the time to ask questions about your future, visit colleges, and complete interest inventories. Each year you will have a discussion with your school counselor about your grades and course selection. And feel free to reach out to the College & Career Center staff throughout your time in high school.

The following checklists are just suggested timelines – each student is unique in their postsecondary search process, so not completing all steps by the times suggested in the checklists below **does not** mean that a student is behind. Please use these resources as a guide, to help think about steps that might otherwise get overlooked.

- Freshman Year Checklist
- Sophomore Year Checklist
- Junior Year Checklist
- Senior Year Checklist







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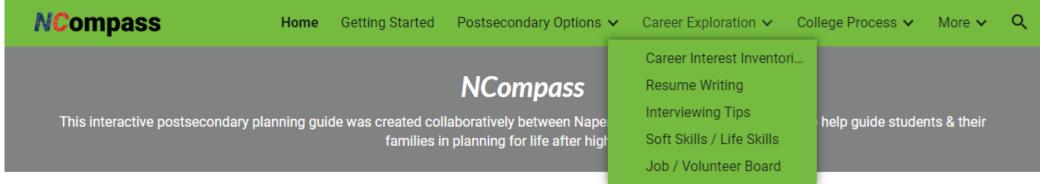
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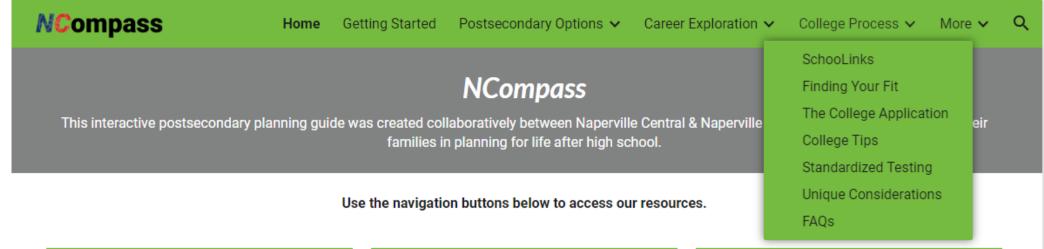


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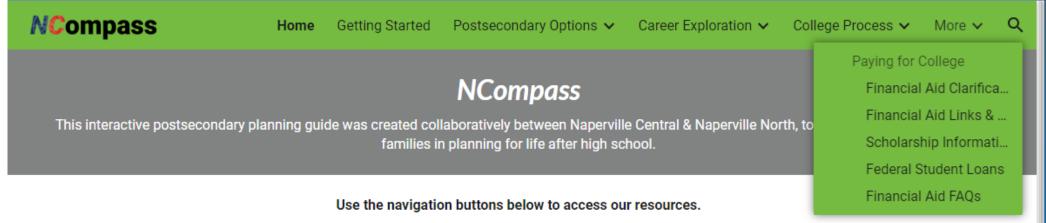
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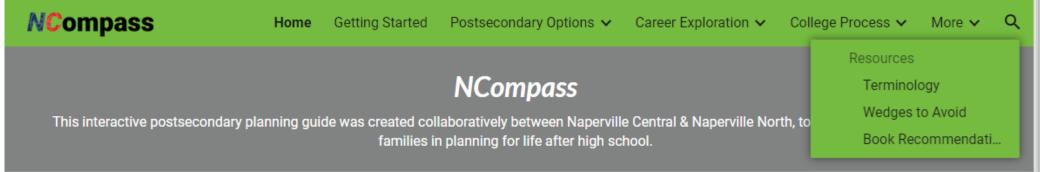
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Postsecondary Questions?

Reach out to your student's School Counselor, or the College & Career Counselor, Mr. La Porte



Additional Resources

NCompass Dist. 203 Postsecondary Planning Guide

NCompass

- In-School College Visits
 Instructions on how students can attend in-school college visits
 (Returning to NNHS in Fall 2025)
- On-Campus College Visit Tips
 Tips for students planning to visit college campuses
- Postsecondary Planning Night Presentations
 Slides & handouts from tonight's presentations will be available tomorrow
 (Feb. 27) at https://www.naperville203.org/PSPNight



Upcoming Opportunities

- March 12: <u>Illinois Regional College Fair @ North Central College</u>
 A local college fair, featuring more than 200 colleges & universities from across the country.
- April 5: <u>Illinois National College Fair @ Moraine Valley Community</u>
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 - Another college fair opportunity, bringing in additional colleges & universities from across the country.
- April 21: <u>Service Academy Day</u> (Peoria, IL)
 Learn more about the process for applying to the US Service Academies.



Next Sessions

Postsecondary Planning Night Schedule

Room	Session 1 (6:00 - 6:35pm)	Session 2 (6:40 - 7:15pm)	Session 3 (7:20 - 7:55pm)
Large Cafe	Junior Timeline	Sophomore Timeline	College-Bound Student Athletes
Small Cafe	Postsecondary Resources		Postsecondary Resources
Learning Commons		What's Next?	What's Next?
Rm. 184		Soph./Junior Overview in Español	

Before you leave for the evening, please complete our program's exit survey:



https://www.naperville203.org/PSPNExit

Junior Timeline: A general overview of Junior Year, including a timeline, student responsibilities, and how parents can support their Junior.

Sophomore Timeline: A general overview of Sophomore Year, including a timeline, student responsibilities, and how parents can support their Sophomore.

Postsecondary Resources: An overview of resources available to Dist. 203 students, and tips for planning for life after high school.

What's Next?: A discussion on the debate between a "best" college/university, and helping your student find their best fit.

College-Bound Student Athletes: An overview of the NCAA/NAIA eligibility process, and steps that students can take now to be prepared for recruitment.

Sophomore/Junior Spanish Overview: An overview of Sophomore & Junior year in Spanish, provided by our Spanish-speaking counselors.