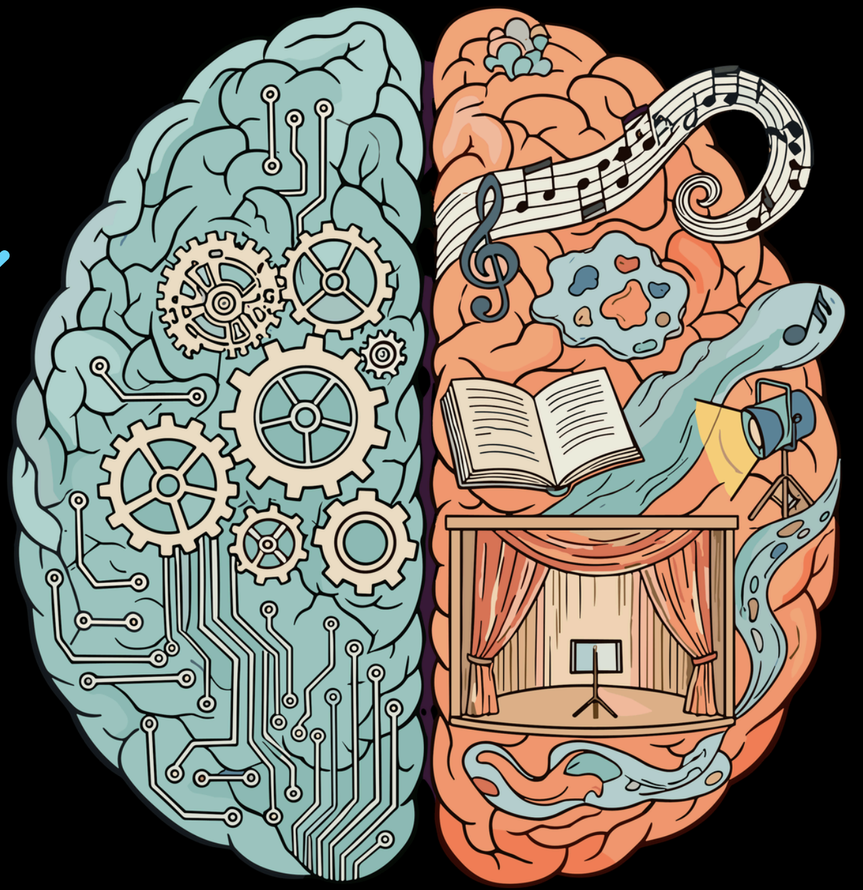
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FINDING YOUR PATHWAY

"What interests me, and which pathway might be right for me?"



MONDAY | NOV 9 | 7PM | SVHS CAFETERIA

CLASS OF 2029



A DIRECTION YOU WANT TO TAKE.

USED TO PLAN. NOT PERMANENT.

WHAT IS A PATHWAY?

A pathway is a plan for the direction you want to take after high school. It helps you choose classes that align with your interests, strengths, and future goals.

As you prepare for junior year, you will begin making choices about the classes you take and the skills you develop.

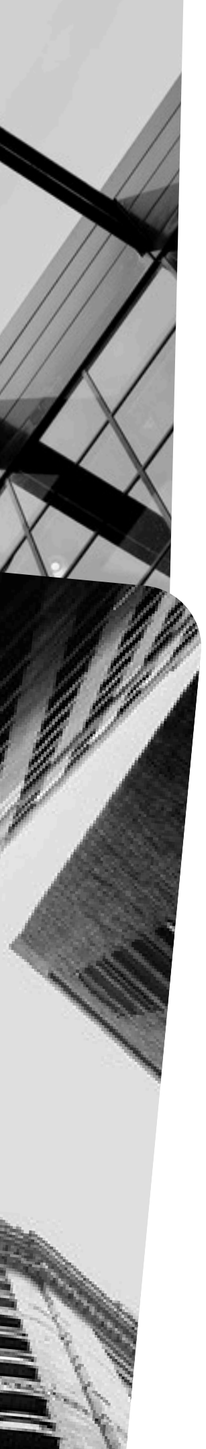
Your pathway helps guide those decisions based on what you are considering for your future.

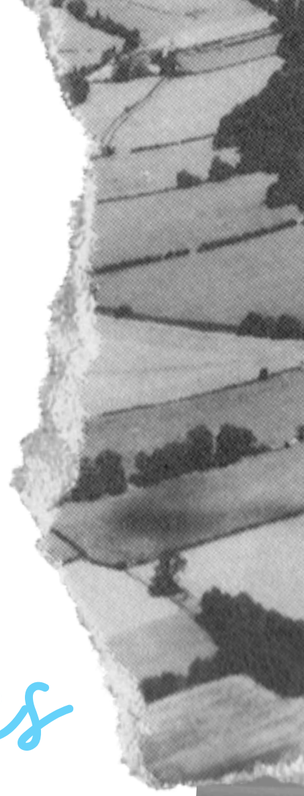
Your pathway might focus on:

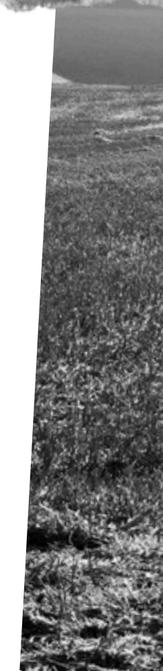
- College or University: Preparing for a two-year or four-year degree.
- Career or Technical Training: Developing hands-on skills through a career center, technical school, or specialized training program.
- Military: take the ASVAB test, explore the different branches
- Workforce or Business: Preparing to enter the workforce, pursue a trade, or start a business.

Your pathway is not a permanent decision about your entire future. **It is a starting point that helps you make thoughtful choices about your next steps.**

The goal is to choose classes that prepare you for where you want to go while keeping opportunities open for where life may take you.







WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS NOW?

February: Register for Junior Classes

THINGS TO CONSIDER

JANUARY 14, 2027 — **Visit Career Center – PICK 3**

JANUARY ?, 2027 — **CEO Program Presentation**

PREREQUISITE: YOU MUST TAKE **INTRO TO BUSINESS JUNIOR YEAR**
IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEO PROGRAM SENIOR YEAR.

THIS IS A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT

CAREER CENTER

Two-Year Programs offered:

- Auto Collison Repair
- Auto Service Technology
- Construction Technology
- Information Tech & Electricity
- Industrial Technology
- Welding Technology
- Graphic Design
- Digital Media
- Early Childhood Professionals

Senior Year Only Programs:

- Health Occupations
- CEO Program *(must take Intro to Bus Jr Yr)*

****Hand-out in folder with more information about each program***

What will this look like:

- St. Vincent Core Classes in the morning & then Perryville Area Career & Technology Center after lunch.
- Hands-on Experience
- Explore technical skills and potential certifications through your program
- Discover if a career field is something you do want to pursue after high school
- Develop practical skills that my help you enter the workforce or continue your education.

PERMISSION SLIP IS IN YOUR FOLDER.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO THINKS THEY
"MIGHT" WANT TO TAKE CTC CLASSES
TO TOUR ON JANUARY 14.

FILL OUT SLIP AND HAND IN TONIGHT IF INTERESTED.

CEO PROGRAM





OFFERED SENIOR YEAR ONLY

MUST COMPLETE INTRO TO BUSINESS WITH MRS. HOUSE JUNIOR YEAR.

TAKING OTHER BUSINESS CLASSES SUCH AS MARKETING DESIGN & ACCOUNTING IS A SMART PATHWAY CHOICE.

DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, BUSINESS, LEADERSHIP, AND LEARNING THROUGH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

Ask Yourself: ***Have you ever thought about starting a business, managing a team, or turning an idea into something real?***

Turn to your parent/guardian. Discuss if this or the Career Center may be something you are interested in exploring.

DUAL CREDIT

GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

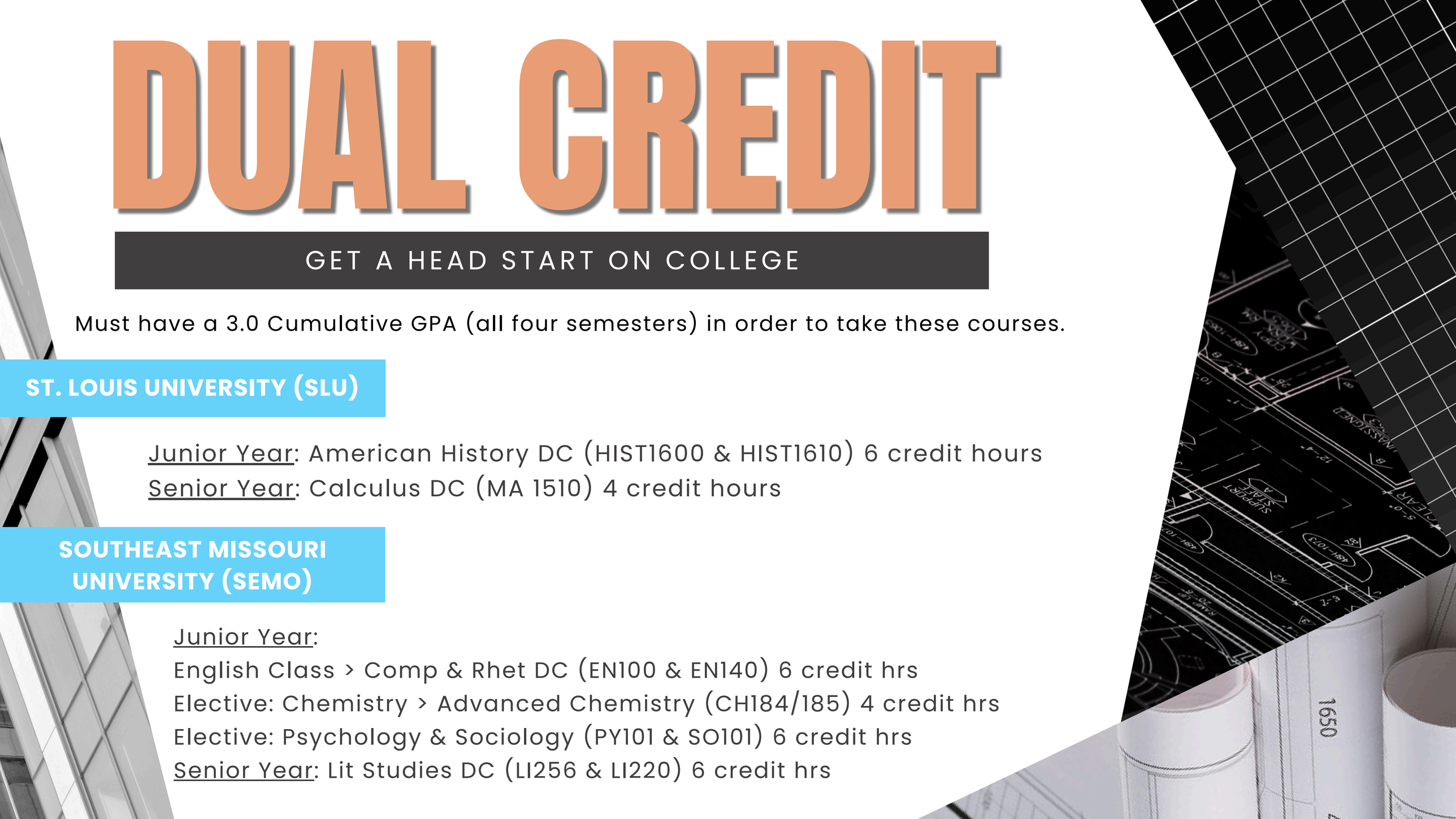
Must have a 3.0 Cumulative GPA (all four semesters) in order to take these courses.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY (SLU)

Junior Year: American History DC (HIST1600 & HIST1610) 6 credit hours
Senior Year: Calculus DC (MA 1510) 4 credit hours

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI UNIVERSITY (SEMO)

Junior Year:
English Class > Comp & Rhet DC (EN100 & EN140) 6 credit hrs
Elective: Chemistry > Advanced Chemistry (CH184/185) 4 credit hrs
Elective: Psychology & Sociology (PY101 & SO101) 6 credit hrs
Senior Year: Lit Studies DC (LI256 & LI220) 6 credit hrs



IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER

GPA, Class Rank, Test Results, Behavior, Attendance, Discipline, Leadership, Service, Community Involvement, Courses Taken, Job Shadowing

WHAT COUNTS? EVERY SEMESTER, EVERY QUARTER, EVERY TEST, EVERY ASSIGNMENT, EVERY INTERACTION



A+ SCHOLARSHIP

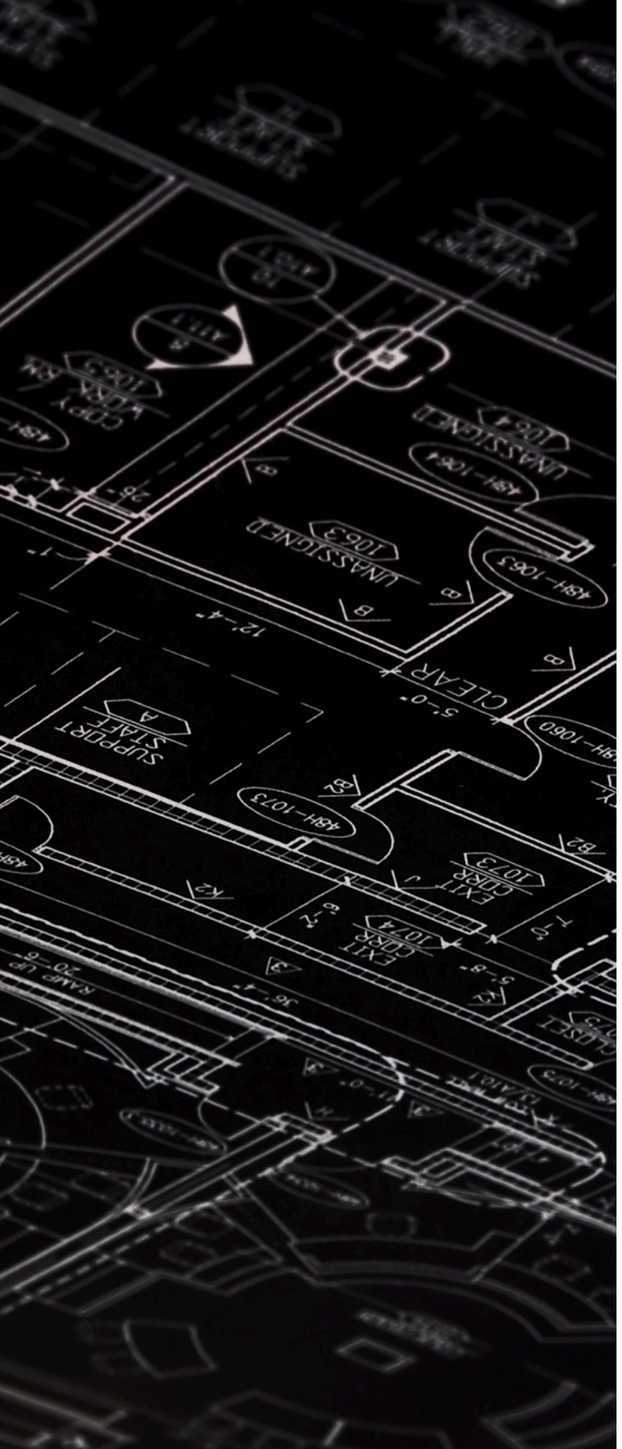
- 50 (unpaid) Hours: tutoring or mentoring a younger student. 25% or 12.5 hours may be job shadowing.
- Turn in contract to Mrs. Hager (most of you have done this)
- Graduate with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have at least 95% attendance record in grades 9-12
- Math ACT Score requirement (view paper in folder)

INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP: HOW DO I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Clubs & Activities, Sports, Mass (server, musician), Youth Group, Scouts, 4-H, Service/Volunteering, Employment, Club Officer, Sports Captain, Retreat Leader, Leader in Community Activities

BRAG SHEET AND RESUME: CAREER & LIFE SKILLS CLASS

- Keep both of these updated regularly.
- Get a job in your area of interest. Do Service in your Career Area and Stand Out.



MISSOURI CONNECTIONS

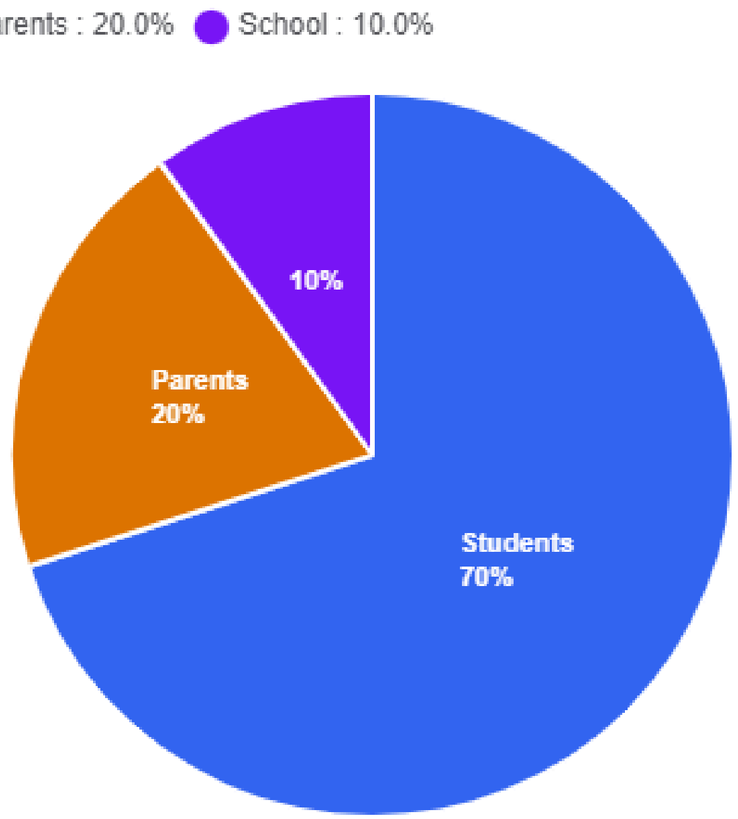
Free online tool to help students narrow down possible future pathways @ missouriconnections.org

- My Dashboard
  - Self-Survey Results
    - **Career Cluster**
      - Select Cluster
        - Education: HS Course Suggestions
- My Dashboard
  - Self-Survey Results
    - **Interest Profiler**
      - Click on one of your two top interests (next to pie chart)
        - List of Careers w/schooling & wage

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

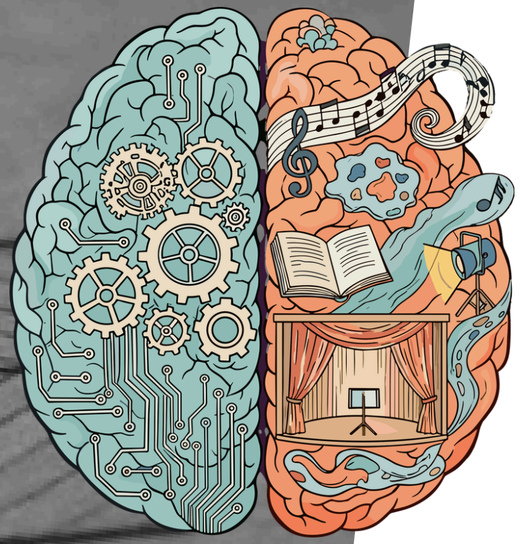
Sophomore year is a major transition point where the reality of future planning (college, career, independence) starts to sink in.

Think of it like this.... The school provides the map (10%) and your parents provide the gas money (20%), but you are the one behind the steering wheel (70%). If you don't step on the pedal, the car doesn't move.



Future Planning & Responsibility

- **Students: 70%** (Taking the lead, driving choices, and staying accountable)
- **Parents: 20%** (Providing guidance, structural support, and encouragement)
- **School: 10%** (Offering resources, curriculum, and advising tools)



THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT.

Class registration information will go out to students at the end of January and be due back to me sometime in the beginning of February.

I will post all information to the students via Google Classroom AND I will also send out the same information via Jupiter so parents/guardians stay up-to-date.

Be your best self. Let's end with a Glory Be.

Send any questions to ctomlinson@svdepaul.org