



Individual Planning Resources

This chart provides background information to aid the Professional School Counselor (PSC) in helping students through the Individual Planning process. A review of the materials listed will help develop an awareness of many of the resources available to students and their families.

MO Center for Career Education (MCCE)	MCCE provides a collection of resources supporting the curriculum and instruction of career and technical education. www.mcce.org
Career Pathways & Career Clusters	http://missouriconnections.org
A+ Program	The Missouri A+ Schools Program offers a framework and incentives for providing quality education for all students. Each student must enter into a written agreement with the school prior to high school graduation and fulfill basic requirements related to attendance, GPA, tutoring/mentoring and good citizenship. http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/aplus/proginfo/abtaplus.html
ACES/PRIMO	PRIMO is a career planning and assistance program for students interested in pursuing a career in primary healthcare, and is designed to address the shortage of Primary Healthcare Providers in underserved areas of Missouri. http://www.semoahec.org/programsandservices.asp
ACT	The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, math, reading and science. All 4-year colleges and universities in the United States accept ACT results. http://www.actstudent.org/
ASVAB	ASVAB is a multiple-choice test administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command and is used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States armed forces. It is often optionally administered to American high school students when they are in the 11th grade, although anyone eligible to and who is interested in enlisting can take it. http://www.army.com/enlist/asvab.html
Area Career and Tech Centers	The statewide network of Missouri Career Centers provides valuable workforce services to help people obtain quality, self-sustaining careers. The services are provided by way of a partnership of federal, state and local employment and training organizations that are tailored to reflect the specific needs in each community. http://www.missouricareersource.com

SAT	<p>The SAT is a standardized test for college admissions in the United States. It measures critical thinking skills that are needed for academic success in college. SAT consists of three major sections: Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing. High school juniors and seniors typically take the SAT.</p> <p>http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about/SATI.html</p>
EOC Exams	<p>Replaces the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Tests at the high school level. Assessment in Algebra I, English II and Biology begins in school year 2008-09; Testing in Geometry, Integrated Math II, Integrated Math III, Algebra II, English I, Government and American History to be in place by school year 2009-2010.</p> <p>http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/eoc/</p>
EXPLORE	<p>EXPLORE is designed to help 8th and 9th graders explore a broad range of options for their future for their high school coursework, post-high school choices, and future academic and career success.</p> <p>http://www.act.org/explore/index.html</p>
Gifted & Talented Programs	<p>Special enrichment programs for the gifted and talented and other interested students include the following: MS&T, Drury's SummerScape, Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIPS), Missouri Scholars Academy, Missouri Fine Arts Academy, Girls/Boys State, etc.</p> <p><i>Check web sites of local colleges and universities for specific programs offered.</i></p>
Missouri Connections	<p>Missouri Connections is a web-based resource for exploration of career interests, occupations and educational strategies. The resource provides information on career paths, clusters, pathways and career options. Students build a portfolio with education plans, resumes, favorites, and more.</p> <p>It provides assistance with tracking goals and preparing for the workforce.</p> <p>http://missouriconnections.org/</p>
National College Athletic Association (NCAA)	<p>NCAA is a voluntary organization through which the nation's colleges and universities govern their athletics programs and provide information on eligibility requirements, personal welfare/decision-making and academics.</p> <p>www.ncaa.org</p>
Perkins	<p>The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act (2006) represents one of the largest federal investments in our nation's high schools and is a key component of our secondary and postsecondary education systems. The Perkins Act extends through the year 2012 and provides more than \$1.2 billion in federal support for career and technical education programs in all 50 states.</p> <p>http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/perkins.htm</p>
Personal Reflections	<p>Investigating and analyzing interests, skills and aptitude for a perfect career "fit." Strategies include writing reflections, interest surveys, Venn Diagram (Example: <i>Does my Career Fit Me?</i> (CG 7,8; Grade 11, Unit 1 Lesson 3)</p> <p>http://missouricareereducation.org/CDs/GuidanceLessons/CD7-Gr11-Unit1-</p>

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PSAT	<p>The Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a co-sponsored program by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It is a standardized test that provides Practice for the SAT and a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. It measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. It is a good source of feedback on strengths and weaknesses which allow students to focus on preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study and practice.</p> <p>http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html</p>
MO-VIP Missouri Virtual School	<p>MoVIP offers online courses for students statewide. Students can take an entire course from any Internet-connected computer, available 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. MoVIP is a K-12 program that enables all schools to offer Missouri students equal access to a wider range of coursework, more flexibility in scheduling, and learning online is neither time nor place dependent.</p> <p>http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/movip/</p>
Missouri Technical Schools	<p>Contact information for Missouri Technical Schools</p> <p>http://www.technical-schools-guide.com/missouri-technical-schools.html</p> <p>http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/aplus/postsecondary/vo-techcoord.htm</p>
Missouri Colleges and Universities	<p>Contact information for Missouri colleges and universities.</p> <p>http://www.dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/pd_guidelines/appendM.pdf</p>
PLAN	<p>PLAN is a "pre-ACT" test that helps to predict success on the ACT. It is generally administered to 10th grade students in the fall and focuses attention on both career preparation and improving academic achievement.</p> <p>http://www.act.org/plan/index.html</p>
Tech Prep	<p>Tech Prep serves to support, promote and encourage career and technical education programs that link secondary and post-secondary education, employers and communities to ensure a highly skilled workforce. It also promotes lifelong learning and helps to provide a seamless transition between post-secondary education and career employment.</p> <p>http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/tp_contacts_locations.htm</p>