



# College and Career Paths

**Initiative 7A:** Strengthen partnerships that provide college credit, industry certification and job experience to secondary students

**Initiative 7B:** Expand high-quality instruction in targeted career fields

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) will guide students to plan for life after high school. Through career-related curriculum, students will gain the skills necessary to continue their post-secondary plans through completion, leading toward career success. In alignment with the SPPS Achieves Strategic Plan, students will identify their strengths and interests to guide their high school course selections and post-secondary plans.

## Career Fields

Each comprehensive high school\* will offer four **Career Fields** with at least one **Career Pathway** for each field. *Career Fields* allow students to gain foundational career knowledge and skills.

1. Arts and Human Services
2. Business and Communications
3. Science and Medical
4. Innovative and Emerging Technologies

## Career Pathways

Career Pathways are a series of courses (at least five) aligned to post-secondary programs that provide a progression of classes for students from ninth or tenth grade through senior year. The courses prepare students for a full range of post-secondary options in high-wage, in-demand careers. Career Pathways provide opportunities to receive college credit, certifications, credentials, internships, job training and career exploration through industry partnerships.



## Integrating Career Pathways

Students will use a **Personal Learning Plan** to guide their high school course selections and post-secondary plans. Core courses will integrate relevant instruction and career exploration into curriculum that relates to the *Career Pathways* offered at that school. Students will choose their preferred *Career Pathway* by 10th grade course selection time.