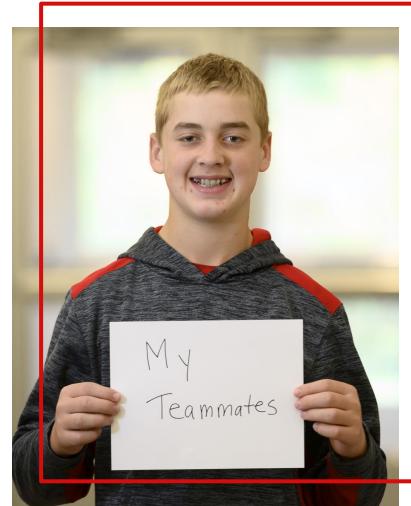
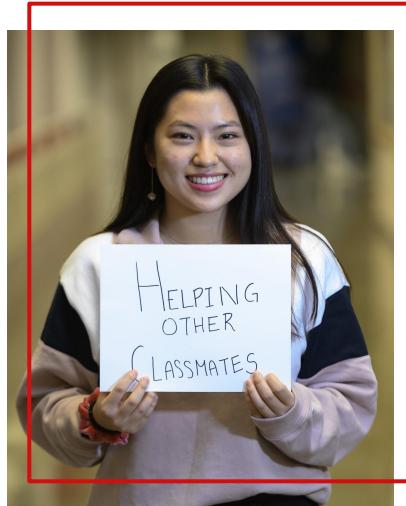
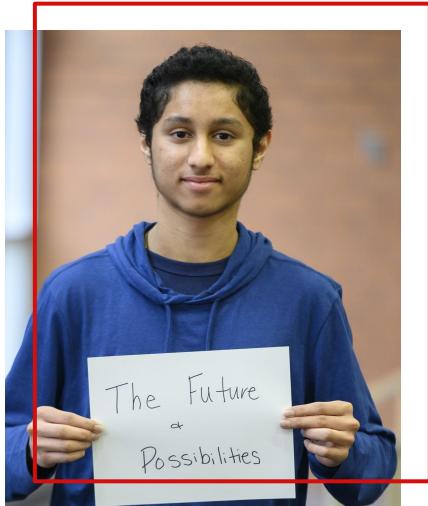




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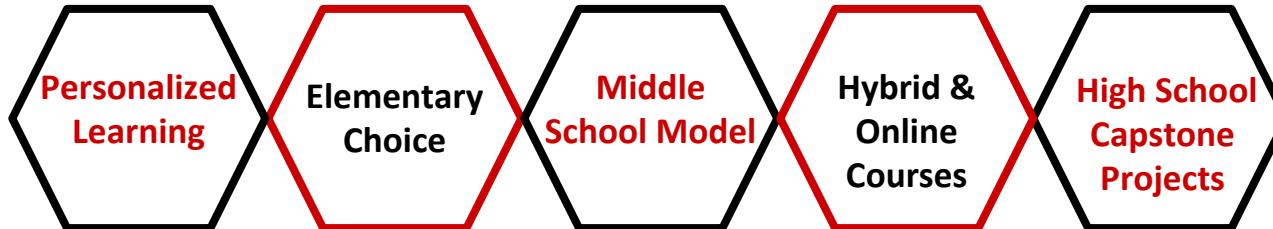


PATHWAYS

Common Understanding of the Why...

Designing Pathways

Eden Prairie Schools' process to define a 10-year outlook of its academic programming and supporting facilities concluded in May 2017. Since then, the district has been moving forward with the academic programming recommendations that came out of the community-involved process including the expansion of Personalized Learning, online course offerings and capstone projects.





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Interest Exploration Talent Development Career & College Ready

EPS Pathways Vision



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Pathways at Eden Prairie Schools engage students in authentic opportunities to **explore**, **learn** about, and **experience** potential *future careers*. Pathways enable students to purposefully plan for their future by offering guidance on K-12 coursework and extracurricular experiences that can be pursued to prepare them for specific college, career, or civic opportunities post-graduation. Pathway options increase in specificity and choice as students advance in their education and feature a capstone experience that provides an opportunity for students to apply their learning in practical ways within their community. Students who successfully complete one or more pathways will receive recognition for their efforts on their transcript, though students will have the flexibility to explore as many pathways as desired during their course of study.





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EPS Career Fields & Clusters

Business & Management	Civic & Social Service	Natural & Applied Sciences	Engineering & Technology	Communication & Entertainment
Entrepreneurship	Government & Public Administration	Health & Medical Science	Architecture & Construction	Visual Arts & Composition
Finance	Law & Public Safety	Agriculture & Animal Science	Manufacturing	Performing Arts & Music
Marketing	Education & Training	Earth & Space Science	Transportation & Distribution	Journalism & Mass Media
Hospitality & Tourism	Counseling & Human Services	Physical Science & Mathematics	Computer Science & Information Technology	Digital Design & Programming

Pathway Progression (K-5)

- The *INSPIRE* Choice Programming Model is currently being designed by a 30 member Steering Committee that includes students, teachers and administrators. The EPS Pathways Framework will help to provide clarity and vision to this work.
- There are a variety of clubs (i.e. Art, Yearbook, Choir) and/or competitive events (i.e. Math League, LEGO Robotics League, Science Fair) available to elementary students that explicitly align to Career Fields and can be branded with those labels.

Current reality (7-8)

- *iMPACT!* (Career Exploration)
 - Grade 7
- Tech Ed (Engineering and Technology)
 - Grade 8
- Art (Communication & Entertainment)
 - Visual Art 7 & 8



Pathway Progression (6-8)

- **Engineering & Technology**
 - Grade 6
 - Intro to E & T
 - Grade 7
 - Model & Make
 - GreEngineering
 - Grade 8
 - Engineering, Model & Make
 - Coding & Robotics
- **Business & Management**
 - Grade 6
 - Business Bootcamp
 - Grade 7
 - Owning Your Digital Future
 - Money Matters
 - Grade 8
 - Business, Communications and Leadership
 - Entrepreneurship
- **Communication & Entertainment**
 - Grade 6
 - Visual Arts
 - Experience
 - Visual Arts 7
 - Visual Arts 3D
 - Theater Arts 6
 - Visual Arts 8
 - Visual Arts Media & Culture
 - Drawing & Painting
 - Theater Arts 7
 - Visual Arts 9
 - Visual Arts & Identity
 - Digital Media Arts
 - Theater Arts 8
- **Personal Exploration**
 - Grade 6
 - *iMPACT!* - Pathway Exploration

Pathway Progression (9-12)



Career Field Foundations: Business & Management

Foundational Courses:

Spreadsheets & Databases*, Business Introduction, Accounting*, Marketing Strategies*

Career Cluster: Finance

Specialized:

Personal Finance, Accounting, AP Microeconomics

Career Cluster: Entrepreneurship

Specialized:

Small Business Development, Personal & Business Law, Entrepreneurship*, AP Microeconomics

Career Cluster: Marketing

Specialized: Small Business Development, Marketing Strategies, Advanced Marketing, Fashion Design & Merchandising

Career Cluster: Hospitality & Tourism

Specialized: Small Business Development, Food Fundamentals, Gourmet & International Foods, Culinary Arts

CAPSTONE Experience

Capstone Experiences (9-12)

- **Essential elements of a Capstone:**
 - Authentic Learning: instruction and assessment utilizes resources, tasks, purposes, and audiences found regularly within the Career Field
 - Collaboration with professionals in the field (networking & mentoring)
 - Application of previous & current learning
 - Interdisciplinary in nature
 - Extended beyond the immediate context
 - Student choice in demonstration of learning
- **Option 1: Field-Based Capstone**
 - 4 credits (2 periods/day for 1 semester)
 - This structure allows for in-depth internships & field experiences
- **Option 2: School-based Capstone**
 - 2 credits of Exploratory Capstone (1 period/day for 1 semester)
 - More choice



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