

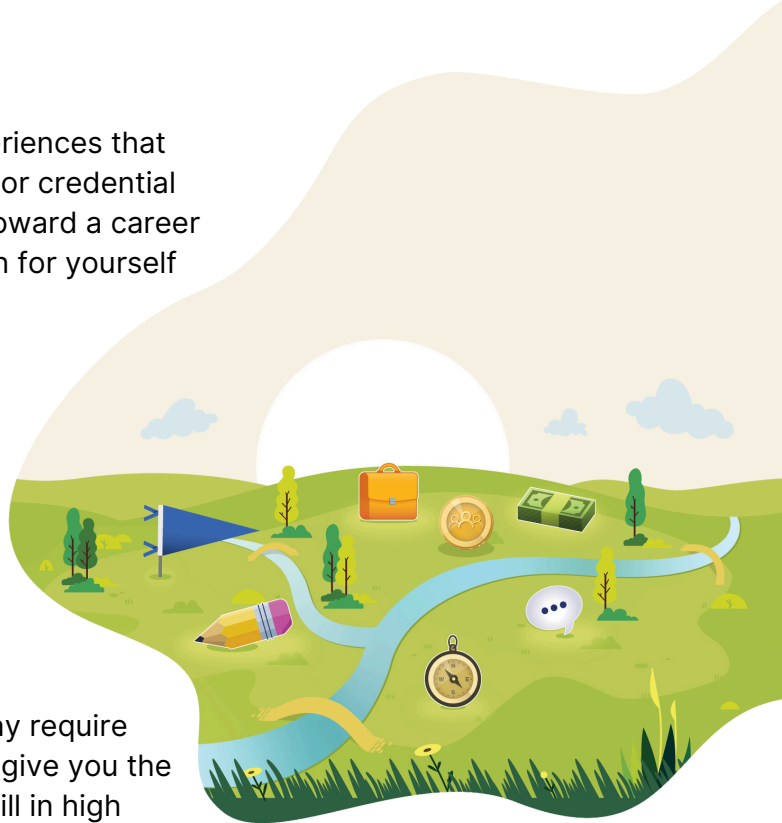
# So, What's Next?

## Some Common Questions and Next Steps For Students and Parents

### What is a pathway?

Pathways provide a roadmap of classes and experiences that begin in high school and lead to a college degree or credential and a good job. They allow you to start building toward a career you are passionate about and the life you envision for yourself while you are still in high school.

Pursuing a pathway means that your educational experiences offer opportunities to gain knowledge, explore interests, build skills, get on-the-job experience, and create networks—all in pursuit of the ultimate goal of landing in a career that will enable you to live a fulfilling life.



### Does a pathway include college?

Yes! The vast majority of good jobs available today require education or training after high school. Pathways give you the opportunity to earn college credits while you're still in high school and help you figure out which option is right for you after you graduate. Depending on your career goals, you might move on to a four-year college or university, a two-year college, a certificate program, a registered apprenticeship, or some other option. A good pathway will include the guidance and support from counselors, teachers, and mentors to help you figure out the right next move.

### Who should I talk to if I want to learn more?

Talk to the guidance counselors at your school to learn more about the specific pathway opportunities that are available to you.

### Here are some questions to ask your counselor:

- What pathway opportunities are available to me?
- How can I learn more about different career fields and figure out what I might be interested in?
- Will I have opportunities to earn college credits, and will they transfer to my chosen program of study?
- Will I have the opportunity to earn a credential or certificate, and will it be aligned with what employers say they need?
- Will I be able to try out a work-based learning experience, and how does it connect to my pathway?