

Henderson County Schools Present

Operation Preparation 2012

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What Is Operation Preparation?

Operation Preparation 2012 is a joint effort of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development and provides a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the process of effective advising and focus attention on the importance of planning for college and/or career.

During the week of **March 12-16, 2012**, trained volunteer community advisors will meet one-on-one with every 8th- and 10th-grade student. The community advisor will use the student's *Individual Learning Plan* or ILP (including career interest inventory and EXPLORE/PLAN results) to discuss the student's:

- career aspirations, required education/training and workforce skills
- whether the student is on target to meet his/her goals
- whether the student is taking the courses recommended to prepare them for a successful future

College and Career Readiness for All Students

According to the Center for Education and the Workforce, in the next 7-10 years, more than half of the jobs in Kentucky and more than 60 percent of jobs nationwide will require postsecondary education (either a two-year or four-year degree). Most of the remaining jobs will require at least some training after high school.

The Kentucky Department of Education's Unbridled Learning: College/Career Readiness for all initiative is designed to ensure every student is prepared for college and/or career by the time they graduate from high school. Advising is a key strategy for reaching this goal. Yet, in Kentucky, school counselors face an average 450:1 student to counselor ratio, presenting challenges for establishing effective advising programs.

How You Can Help

Parents and Community Leaders play a vital role in students becoming college/career ready. The Henderson County Schools need your help!

First, encourage an 8th- or 10th-grade student to participate in **Operation Preparation 2012**. If a parent has a middle or high school student, help them in the development of their *Individual Learning Plan* -- an online tool designed to allow students to explore careers, track coursework and activities, and search for postsecondary options. It is mandatory for students in 6-12 grade and parents are required to sign off on a student's Individual Learning Plan each year. Login credentials are available from the child's school.

Become a community advisor for **Operation Preparation 2012**. You could make the difference in the life of child -- your own AND another!

If you are interested in volunteering for **Operation Preparation 2012** during the week of **March 12-16, 2012**, please contact Cindy Williams, Henderson County Schools Community Outreach Coordinator at 270.831.5000 ext. 229. For general questions please contact Marganna Stanley, Henderson County Schools Assistant Superintendent at 270.831.5000 ext. 213.

