Academic & Career Planning (ACP) Initiative
Monticello School District

Monticello School District's mission is to educate our youth to their greatest individual potential in order to "Grow World Ready Citizens". Our Academic and Career Planning initiative (ACP) directly relates to our mission by empowering all students to create and achieve their individual goals. By providing information & opportunities for self-awareness, career exploration, & academic planning, we hope that all students will be prepared for any academic or career path they choose.

Our ACP Goal

Upon graduation from Monticello High School, all students will have created an Academic & Career Plan & will have participated in a variety of activities to prepare them for college, the workforce, or the military.

PI 26

Chapter PI 26 (Education for Employment Plans & Program) is a state law that mandates "every school board shall provide access to an education for employment program approved by the state superintendent….the state superintendent shall ensure that every school board is providing academic & career planning services to pupils enrolled in grades 6-12 in the school district beginning in the 2017-2018 school year."

What is ACP?

ACP is a student-driven, adult-supported process where students create & cultivate their own unique & information-based visions for post-secondary success. This will be obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, & the development of career management & planning skills.

It Takes a Village

Though ACP is a process of student self-exploration, the goal is to have a community of partners, from teachers to parents to counselors to area businesses, to support students & help them deepen their knowledge of themselves, their interests, & the opportunities in the community around them.

Elements of our ACP Program

- Course & extracurricular offerings in core education, physical education/athletics, CTE (agriculture education, business & information technology, family & consumer education, technology education), foreign languages, fine arts (art, instrumental music, vocal music, theater) & student government so students can explore a variety of interests
- AP (Advanced Placement) courses with the opportunity to take AP exams for college credit & course rigor
- Transcripted Credit & Advanced Standing courses through Blackhawk Technical College for technical college credit

- CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program) & CCIHS (College Credit in High School) courses offered through UW-Oshkosh & UW-Green Bay for college credit & course rigor
- Partnerships with other rural school districts in order to offer a wider variety of courses via telepresence
- Small class sizes to encourage connections & mentoring opportunities for teachers/staff & students
- Bimonthly use of Xello software for student self assessment, career exploration, & electronic profiles from 6th -12th grade
- SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) lessons for middle school students/Lunch & Learn sessions for high school students
- Career Day events with presentations by local businesses & alumni & career skills workshops
- Job shadowing opportunities
- College Fairs
- Campus visits (group & individual)
- ECCP (Early College Credit Program) & SCN (Start College Now) dual credit opportunities
- Youth Apprenticeship
- Employability Skills Certifications
- Volunteer opportunities
- In school visits from area universities & tech schools & military representatives
- ACT preparation course
- Personal Finance course
- Pre-ACT Secure Testing for 9th & 10th grades
- Spring ACT Testing for 11th grade (along with on site test retake opportunities in the fall)
- Semester 1:1 advisor check-ins for high school students
- Transition meetings for 8th & 11th grade students & their families
- Freshman orientation
- Financial aid presentation for students & their families
- Senior Capstone Project including job shadows, campus/career visits, resume/scholarship application writing, mock interviews, & a senior portfolio presentation

Demographics

By looking more closely at the demographics of our student population, community, & labor market we can better understand what our students need to become successful in their future careers.

District & Student Demographics

Monticello School District is located in rural Monticello, WI. Our 4K - 12 student population consists of approximately 290 students from Green County. Monticello School District's student population consists of approximately 4% minority students and 36% economically disadvantaged students.

<u>Enrollment by School</u>
Elementary (4K-5) - 127
Middle (6-8) - 72
High (9-12) - 89

Monticello School District covers the Village of Monticello & multiple surrounding towns. The Village of Monticello has a population of 1,119 & is located in north central Green County (population: 37,098) on State Highway 69. In addition to historic Main Street, the village has a Lake Montesian, popular for fishing, and convenient access to 2 bike trails (Sugar River State Trail & Badger State Trail).

Labor Market & Village/County Demographics

Green County communities proudly display their Swiss heritage while also hosting the most master cheesemakers & manufacturers in the state. Agriculture is also strong in the county with large producers of milk, cheese, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, & livestock products. It is also home to one of Wisconsin's first ethanol plants.

Top 3 employment areas for residents of Monticello (includes residents who may work outside the village)
- Manufacturing
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Retail Trade

Top 3 employment areas in Green County
- Manufacturing
- Trade, Transportation, & Utilities
- Education & Health Services

Median household income (2021)
- Monticello - $68,519
- Green County - $70,267

Median property value (2021)
- Monticello - $146,000
- Green County - $184,000

Top employers in Green County
- Monroe Clinic (Monroe)
- Colony Brands (Monroe)
- Kuhn North America (Brodhead)
- Monroe Truck Equipment (Monroe)
- Stoughton Trailers (Brodhead)

Additional Resources

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ACP Frequently Asked Questions