

**NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PLAN IS FOR AFTER GRADUATION,
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK WITH YOUR GOALS...**

SENIORS SHOULD PLAN TO:

- Interested in the **MILITARY**?
 - Get in contact with a recruiter.
 - Take the ASVAB!

- Thinking about joining the **WORKFORCE** after high school?
 - Build a resume!
 - Consider Job Shadows.
 - Talk with your counselor about a CO-OP, Youth Apprenticeship or Work Release Program.
 - Set up job interviews.
 - Get a job and work on your employment skills.

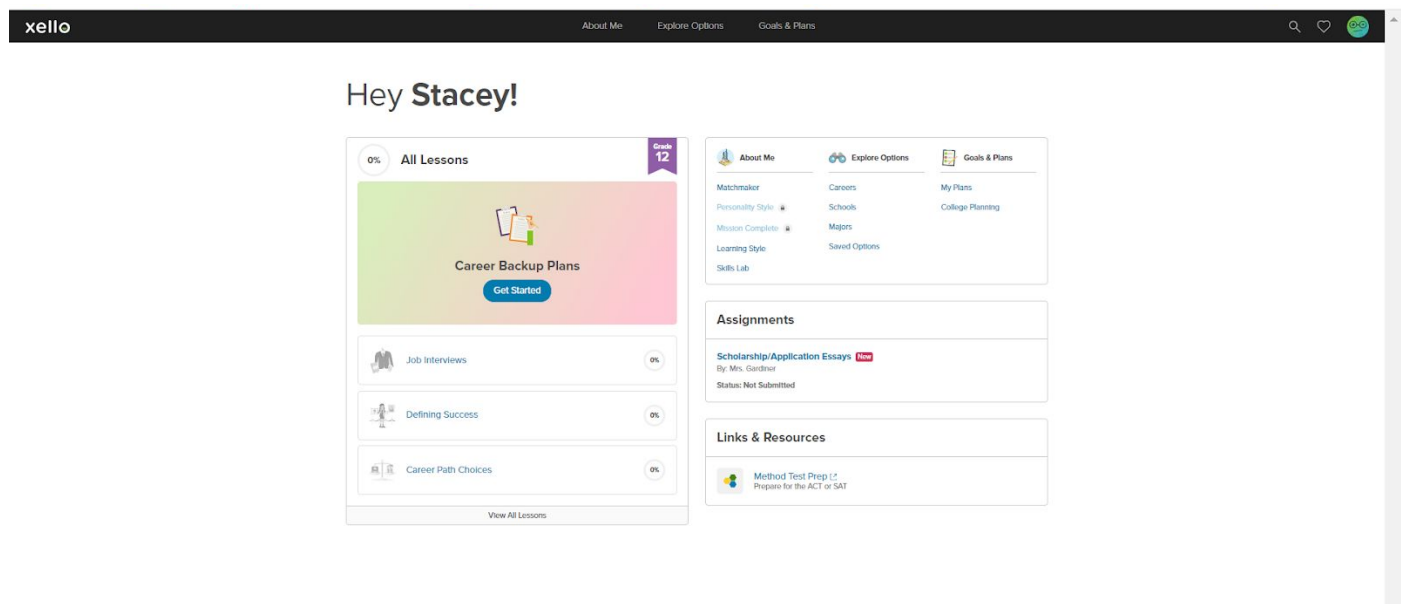
- Planning for **COLLEGE** (university or technical college)?
 - In the fall semester, seniors will need to:
 - Talk with your school counselor about earning college credit in high school.
 - Retake the ACT with Writing Exam, if needed.
 - Ensure your scores have been sent to any schools you are interested in.
 - Complete and submit college applications *prior to deadlines*.
 - Complete and submit scholarship applications *prior to deadlines*.
 - Request transcripts and letters of recommendations (if needed).
 - Meet with your school counselor to verify that graduation requirements will be met on schedule.
 - If you are a male and over the age of 18, register for the Selective Service.
 - Work with your parent(s)/guardian(s), college financial aid office, or school counselor to complete and submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning on October 1.
 - Attend the Financial Aid Night at IGHS.

 - During the winter months, seniors should:
 - Stay involved!
 - Be diligent about checking your email and postal mail for ANY and ALL updates from colleges you have applied to.
 - You may need to pay a refundable enrollment deposit.

- ❑ In the spring semester, seniors should:
 - ❑ Consider college acceptables; compare financial aid packages offered.
 - ❑ Call college financial aid representatives with questions.
 - ❑ Decide on the college to attend and contact its offices.
 - ❑ You should also inform the colleges you were accepted to, but will not be attending so another student can have your spot.
 - ❑ Make informed decisions about student loans.
 - ❑ Register and complete Placement Testing.
 - ❑ Continue submitting scholarship applications.
 - ❑ Stay involved with school-based, community-based, and leadership-oriented activities and then keep a running list of your accomplishments, awards, and recognitions to use in preparing college applications, scholarships, and resumes. You can easily keep track of all of this in **XELLO!**
 - ❑ Although the temptation to goof off during the last year of high school may be strong, students should be made aware that college admissions officers will expect to see that they've worked hard to keep grades up and continued their involvement in school and community activities.
 - ❑ Have fun - safe, responsible fun!

LOGGING INTO XELLO:

1. Go to <https://www.igs.k12.wi.us/>
2. Click on For Students.
3. Click on Academic and Career Planning.
4. Click on Xello.
5. Click on your Google account and you will automatically be logged in.
6. Once you are in Xello, you can begin exploring careers, colleges, take interest inventories, record
7. extracurriculars, awards, volunteer hours, and start creating plans for your future and so much more!



**SENIORS - GO
XELLO**

ABOUT ME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on ABOUT ME • Review content and make any updates. • Add part-time and or summer job experiences to EXPERIENCE Timeline. • Explore educator-provided links for resources for financial aid.
EXPLORE OPTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on EXPLORE OPTIONS. • Conduct a final exploration of schools and majors of interest-become familiar with campus locations, culture, and program requirements.
GOALS AND PLANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on GOALS AND PLANS. • Identify a plan or plans to put into action and delete any plan that might be outdated. • Select schools and programs and begin the application process. • Review LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS and begin the application process.
LESSONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining Success • Career Backup Plans • Job Interviews • Career Path Choices

OTHER ACADEMIC AND CAREER TOPICS EMBEDDED THROUGHOUT CURRICULUM

SELF-AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retake ACT Exam, if needed • Take the SAT Exam if you are planning to apply to a college that requires an SAT score. • ASVAB Exam, if interested in the Military
CAREER EXPLORATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and discuss careers in the Career and Technical Education programs - Agriculture Building and Trades, Business, and Technology. • Explore and discuss careers in the area of English and Foreign Language. • Explore and discuss careers in the area of Leadership, Fitness, and Health. • Explore and discuss careers in the area of Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies. • Explore and discuss careers in the area of Art and Music. • Participate in class field trips and interact with guest speakers. • Attend Wisconsin Education Fair at UW-Platteville. • Participate in IGHS Spring Career Fair. • Attend military information events. • Participate in a Job Shadow Day.
EDUCATION PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend College, University, and Technical College Admission Rep Visits at IGHS. • Discussion in the areas of Career and Technical Education courses (Agriculture, Business, and Tech Ed) about Transcribed credits. • Discussion in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies on college requirements and what AP scores transfer as. • Learn about the Youth Apprenticeship and Work Release options.
FINANCIAL LITERACY AND LIFE SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the REQUIRED Personal Finance Class.