

Grade 8 Student Learning Plan

Dear Thoreau 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Your child is developing a Student Learning Plan (SLP) that supports his/her current work, as well as helps him/her plan for the future. Your child will work with his/her teachers and school counselor to discover his/her personal strengths and interests, create goals to help him/her achieve success, plan for courses that meet high school graduation requirements, and prepare for life after high school. The development of the SLP starts in middle school and is updated regularly through high school as each student's academic, personal, and career goals change.

This plan is part of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) School Board's Student Achievement Goals and is also required by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). **VDOE requires that the student's parent or guardian review this plan.** When reviewing the plan with your child, you can coach him or her to make decisions about college and careers that match his or her personal strengths, interests, and goals, recognizing there are multiple pathways to success.

In the month of November, Thoreau counselors worked with 8th grade students to complete the Career Cluster Finder which assists them with identifying careers that match their strengths and interests. As a follow-up to this lesson, counselors will be working with 8th grade students through their civics classes beginning Tuesday, May 29th to guide them through creating their draft course plan of study for high school. Please have your child login to his or her SLP in Family Connection and review the work he/she has completed this year. If you have a Blackboard Parent View account, you can log into your account, and together you and your child can view his or her plan.

Once you have reviewed your child's plan, use this [Google Form](#) to complete the verification form. The completion of this form will serve as your signature. For more information about your child's SLP, visit the [SLP website](#).

If you have questions, please contact your child's counselor.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Aguilar

Director of Student Services

Thoreau Middle School