

Student Vision Profile January 2026

This Student Vision Profile provides information for both students and families to assist with the postsecondary planning process. You will find useful information and deep links throughout, including topics on self-discovery career inventory results, career exploration, and post-high school planning.

Student's Progress Toward a Thriving Future

Category	Future Careers	What It Means
 Graduation Status	Applied Studies Diploma As of November 2025	You are on track to graduate!
 In-Demand Career	Manufacturing	Identified as a high-demand field in Prince William County.
 In-Demand Career	Health Sciences	Identified as a high-demand field in Prince William County.
 In-Demand Career	Government & Public Administration	Identified as a high-demand field in Prince William County.

How To Use This Guide

Start the Conversation

When you see this prompt you will find helpful tips to guide your conversation.



Get Moving

Set time aside to talk about your future.



Think About It

When you see this prompt think about what is possible.



Explore Resources

Resources are provided to support you along this journey. [Naviance](#), [StudentVUE](#), [ParentVUE](#), [PWCS Course Catalog](#), and [PWCS Career and Transition Services](#).



Profile of a Graduate

The PWCS Vision is that every student will graduate on time with the knowledge, skills, and habits of mind necessary to create a thriving future for themselves and their community.



Essential Concepts

Accommodations: Services that ensure equal access and participation.

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE): Working in the community alongside other employees without disabilities, earning at least minimum wage, and receiving the same workplace benefits and opportunities as other employees doing the same job.

Job Coach/Employment Specialist/Career Coach/Skills Trainer: Person providing assistance to an individual to learn or maintain a job.

Rehabilitation Counselors: Work with various state departments and community programs to provide services.



Mission Critical Launchpads

The launchpads below will help you develop the mindsets and behaviors for success.

Family Engagement	Attendance	High School Diploma	Tutoring
PWCS is committed to building collaborative, trusting, and meaningful partnerships to foster the success of all students. PWCS Family Engagement .	This is a crucial time to develop healthy habits with attendance and timeliness. If you have barriers getting to school, please reach out to the school leadership team for support.	Diploma options available to students are based on the year the student enters 9th grade. Details can be found under Graduation Requirements and Diploma Options in the Course Catalog.	Did you know that all students have access to free Varsity Online Tutoring 24 hours per day, 7 days a week? Students can receive personalized help to achieve their academic and professional goals.



Self-Determination Skills

Self-determination is a mix of skills students will use throughout life to choose and set goals, be involved in making life decisions, self-advocating, and working to reach their goals. Self-determination skills empower students to make choices independently according to their interests, needs, and abilities. Additional information and resources on self-determination can be found through the [I'm Determined Center](#).

Start the Conversation
How can skills be paired to a career?

Discuss with your counselor/transition specialist which resources will support you with your post-secondary plans!

Self-Awareness	Problem-Solving	Decision Making	Goal Setting
Understand your emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behaviors in different contexts, such as home, school and/or work. This includes being able to recognize your strengths and limitations.	"How would you handle an angry customer?" or "How do you respond when a customer asks for a refund?" Practicing how you might handle these or other scenarios common in your industry can help you call upon solutions quickly when they arise on the job.	The ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety, and social norms.	Work to identify short and long-term SMART S pecific M easurable A ttainable R ealistic T ime-bound goals to fulfill your vision for yourself.



In-Demand Career Pathway Manufacturing

	High School Diploma	Certifications & Credentials
Virginia Growth Industry Jobs	Foundry Mold & Coremakers Mixing & Blending Machine Operators	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters Crushing, Grinding, & Polishing Machine Operators
Median Annual Income	\$36,065	\$42,310
Colleges to Consider	NOVA , Germanna Community College , Prince George Community College	Brightpoint Community College , Eastern Shore Community College , NOVA
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Welding Technology Computer Systems, Electronic/Communications Engineering	Welding Technology Computer Systems, Electronic/Communications Engineering

Student's Action Steps

Please discuss the below recommendations with your special education case manager, school counselor, and transition specialist.

Get Moving
Post-secondary Plan Checklist

Plan to attend the [PWCS Transition Fair](#), [College Fairs](#) and [career events](#). Use this check list to get moving.

Prepare For Your Future

Below you'll find action steps for a variety of post-secondary pathways, designed to ensure success in high school and beyond. You can discuss these pathways with your transition specialist and counselor to help you decide which ones you might be best suited for.

Graduation Action Steps	<p>1. Meet with your IEP Case Manager: Know who your Case Manager is, and set ongoing meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review this document Review your IEP Transition Plan 	<p>2. Know your IEP Goals: Work with your IEP Team to set and understand your goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-secondary Goals Annual Goals Consider a student-led IEP meeting 	<p>3. Connect with your Student Counselor: Know who your School Counselor is and set ongoing meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Post-secondary Options (that relate to your Post School Goals) Know and understand graduation status 	<p>4. Explore Agency Linkages: Work with the Transition Specialist to explore and connect with community and adult agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of eligibility criteria for these agencies Contact agencies independently or with support. 	<p>5. Meet with your Transition Specialist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Post-Graduation options and requirements Review Explore and Project SEARCH programs Complete necessary applications 	
Career Connected Learning Action Steps	1. Work with your school transition specialist to identify opportunities suited for you.	2. Talk to your school team to identify work-based learning opportunities and job fairs.	3. Prepare yourself for the PWCS Transition Fair by reflecting on your future goals.	4. Research credential and certificate opportunities.	5. Attend the PWCS summer job fair. Consider job shadowing a parent or guardian.	
Community College Action Steps	1. Every class counts. Challenge yourself in courses where you feel strong.	2. Get involved in ways that are authentic to your interests, values, and passion.	3. Attend a PWCS college fair , college tours, and college visits at your school.	4. January is a busy time for scholarship applications and submitting the FAFSA.	Complete accommodations process. END the year STRONG! Your final performance is important.	
Military Action Steps	1. All careers exist in the military with opportunities through enlistment and beyond. Meet with a recruiter.	2. Scores from the ASVAB exam can give you insight into careers.	3. Pass the physical! Your recruiter will discuss eligibility requirements with you.	4. Connect with a service enlistment counselor to identify the right job specialty.	5. Accept an offer through ROTC , an academy appointment , or via the oath of enlistment.	
Apprenticeship/ Internship Program Action Steps	1. Learn about different careers that offer apprenticeships and internships.	2. Find businesses that offer approved apprenticeship & internship programs as you build your career. PWCS EMPLOY, Explore and Project SEARCH offer internship opportunities.	3. Review the application process and prepare for apprenticeship exams and interviews!	4. Complete the apprenticeship or internship program applications by the deadline.	5. Maintain good work habits with a daily routine and organization.	



Community Resources

Provided in the table below is a comprehensive list of community-led resources that can support you. These resources include employment, training, education, and other post-secondary supports.

Think About It

Post-Secondary Plans



Review your Individualized Education Program and discuss with your counselor/transition specialist which resources will support you to achieve your post-secondary dreams!

Resource	Location	Website	Contact
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	7900 Sudley Rd., Ste. 309, Manassas, VA 20109	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_darsvocationalrehabil	703-335-5550
Prince William County Parks and Recreation	14420 Bristow Rd., Manassas, VA 20112	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_pwcparks	703-792-7060 (TTY: 711)
Virginia Career Works Prince William Center	13370 Minnieville Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22192	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_virginiacareerworks	703-586-6800 (TTY: 711)
Prince William County Community Services (CSB)	7969 Ashton Ave., Manassas, VA 20109; 15941 Donald Curtis Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22191	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_pwccommunityservice	703-792-5241 (TTY: 711)
The Mason LIFE Program	4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_gmumasonlife	https://cehd.gmu.edu/contact
GMU Mason Autism Support Initiative (MAIS)	4400 University Dr., MSN 5C9, Student Union Building 1, Ste. 2500, Fairfax, VA 22030	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_gmudisabilityservices	703-993-2474
ACE-IT in College	1314 W. Main St., Box 842011, Richmond, VA 23284	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_aceitincollege	aceit@vcu.edu
PEATC	403 Holiday Ct., Ste. 104, Warrenton, VA 20186	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_peatc	703-923-0010
The ARC of Greater Prince William	13505 Hillendale Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22193	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_arcpwcc	703-670-4800
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired Department	11150 Fairfax Blvd., Ste. 502, Fairfax, VA 22030	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_virginiablindvisionimp	703-359-1100
The ARC of NOVA	3060 Williams Dr., Ste. 300, Fairfax, VA 22031	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_arcnova	703-208-1119
DMAS Medicaid	600 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_virginiamedicaid	1-833-522-5CALLVA (TDD: 1-888-221-1590)
The Independence Empowerment Center	8409 Dorsey Cir., Ste. 101, Manassas, VA 20110	https://bit.ly/pwcs_svp_ieccil	703-257-5400