



RVA Future Centers

**Supporting
college access and
career development in
Richmond Public
Schools**

**What's next? That's the critical
question for high school students.**

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RVA Future is an exciting new initiative supporting the school district's goal to increase the number of RPS graduates accessing quality post-high school college and career opportunities to help them answer the question, "what's next?"

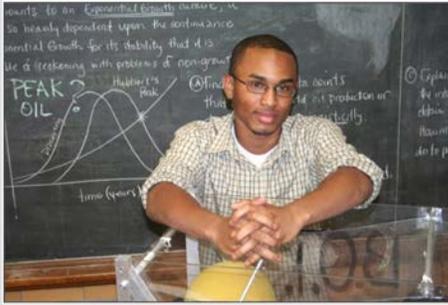
In collaboration with the school counseling department, the Future Centers offer meaningful nonfinancial and financial support to RPS high school students, before, during and after graduation to enhance educational and economic success.

This is a cooperative effort between Richmond Public Schools, the City of Richmond (via the Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building), and the Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation, where this program is based.

Future Centers are located in RPS comprehensive high schools to help students identify college and career opportunities that fit their interests and abilities while focusing on the needs of the job market.

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RVA FUTURE CENTERS FOCUS ON COLLEGE AND CAREER



Education is a pathway

Many students don't know what they want to do after high school. RVA Future Centers will help students learn about options so they can identify the best path for post-secondary learning.



Earnings are higher

College graduates earn an average of 45% more annually than their high school graduate counterparts. Workers with some college or technical training earn about 34% more than their counterparts with only a high school diploma. Leaving high school with a plan is the first step to a successful career.

STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT

↑ Post-secondary plans

↑ FAFSA completions

↑ Financial aid awarded

↑ Scholarship awards

↑ Job opportunities



Exploring Options

RVA Future Centers are aligned with the district's academic improvement goals and will work collaboratively with the school counseling teams.

RVA Future Centers are implemented through a team of center directors working with RPS school counselors to help students better understand their options and learn the academic and industry requirements related to their area of interest.

Housed in the RPS comprehensive high schools, Future Centers assist school-based counselors and existing pre-college service providers by helping to serve students through dedicated human resources. They work in a centralized location to allow for data sharing, easy access to resources for students, and information about a variety of career and college activities.

At Future Centers, students will be able to explore career options, complete college applications, practice writing essays, and apply for financial aid and scholarships.

In addition, students can also research job opportunities, seek internships and apprenticeships, complete employment applications and contact potential employers.

The long term impact of this supportive approach is the creation of a stream of qualified, educationally prepared talent for the Richmond workforce.



Help and Resources

- College fairs
- Writing labs
- Industry tours
- Scholarships
- College visits
- Job applications
- Career research
- SAT prep
- More!