GCPS Career Coaching Program

Individual Counseling for grades 6-12

- Individual conferences with high schoolers w/ balanced emphasis on college, technical training, local workforce, and military and law enforcement opportunities
 - Naviance: Digital platform for college and career exploration
 - Career Lessons/Units: Exploration, Resumes, Applications, Mock Interviews, Soft Skills
- Career lessons for middle school students (interest inventories, personality profiles, specific career exploration, goal setting, and Naviance career curriculum)
 - 8th grade orientation (Intro to Career Pathways--now Blueprint Pathways: AP, Dual Enrollment/AA, CTE certification, Apprenticeship)
 - 8th grade scheduling (assisting)

Elementary Programs

• Community Helpers Unit

- Police, Fire, EMS, Nurse, etc.
- Essay: "What I Want to be When I Grow Up"

• Basic career lessons

• 4th & 5th grades as needed / requested by classroom teacher

• College and Me

 Students experience college life with the goal of developing positive attitudes toward a college education

• 5th Grade Career Day

• Students are exposed to over 25 career possibilities by local volunteer presenters



Middle School Programs

• 7th Grade Career Day

- Focus on meaningful careers available regionally
- The Real Deal
 - A "game of life" activity where students learn about the responsibilities of adulthood
- **Financial literacy lessons** (First United Bank and Trust)
 - Needs vs Wants
 - Savings

High school tours

- All current CTE pathway classrooms and the related arts
- In addition to the aforementioned 8th grade orientation

High School Programs

College Related

- $\circ \quad \mbox{Local and Regional Tours}$
 - Garrett College Junior Preview Day
 - Frostburg State University
 - WVU (Morgantown and Keyser Campuses)
 - Allegany College of Maryland
- FAFSA application assistance
- Scholarship application

• CTE

- Tech. / Trade School Visits
 - Pittsburgh Technical College
 - University of Northwestern Ohio
 - Garrett College Career Technology Training Center (CTTC)

Local Workforce

- Business Recruitment
 - Beitzel
 - March-Westin
 - Garrett Mine Supply
 - GMS Mine Repair & Maintenance
- Site Visits
 - First United
 - Beitzel
 - Simon Pearce
- School-to-Careers / Apprenticeship

Military / Law Enforcement

- Lunch and classroom visits
- Meetings w/ individual students

Additional Programs & Activities

- Work Ethic Diploma
 - In partnership with the Garrett Co. Chamber of Commerce
- The Real Deal (8th and 11th grades)
 - In partnership with First United Bank and Trust, Railey Realty, Garrett College, the Maryland State Police, and local insurance companies, car dealerships, and attorneys
- The College Expo
- Garrett County Job Fair
 - A partnership of Garrett College, 104.5 KHJ, 92.3 The Train & 1050 AM WMSG, the Western Maryland Consortium, and the Garrett County Department of Economic Development. Open to all juniors and seniors to attend.
- Power of Possibilities: entrepreneurship program through Garrett College
- Careers in the Law: Garrett County Courthouse
- Student Service Learning Program
- Leadership Awards
 - United State Senate Youth Program
 - Maryland Student Page
 - HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership)

