

# Trades Planning: To Do List

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ❑ Complete the **Career Interest Profiler** assessment in Naviance. The purpose is to help you discover the types of work activities and career that match your interests.
- ❑ Check out the **Fastest growing occupations**: 20 occupations with the highest percent change of employment between 2014-24: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm>

## JUNIOR YEAR

- ❑ **Research** different trades: <http://www.cisco.org/apprenticeship/> & <http://tmaef.org>. Some require a formal apprenticeship, some require a certain level of post secondary education, and some require on the job training
- ❑ Take the **ASVAB**. It provides you with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career.
- ❑ Take recommended preparatory classes (ie Algebra, Geometry, Career and Technical Electives).
- ❑ Consider dual credit programs. Students enrolled in dual credit programs take post-secondary courses, earning dual credits that count toward both their high school diploma, post-secondary diploma and degree or apprenticeship certification. Students have the opportunity to:
  - For specific classes students can earn BOTH Leyden High School Credit as well as credit at Triton College.
  - You take the class AT LEYDEN with your LEYDEN Teacher.
  - Your grades are shared with Triton to ensure successful completion of the course objectives.
  - Get a head start on learning and training for their future careers.

For more information: <https://www.leyden212.org/Page/3657>

## SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ Talk to your family about your plans. Compare apprenticeship/post-secondary programs. Are you interested in a certificate program, an Associate's Degree, or transferring to a four-year college after two years?
    - Get a head start on learning and training for their future careers.
- For more information: <https://www.leyden212.org/Page/3657>
- ❑ Visit West Leyden's Student Services website to research different career and vocational options at <https://www.leyden212.org/Page/3252>
  - ❑ Many Apprenticeships are competitive. Visit/contact a training center to learn about requirements. Apprenticeships are often free and last 2-4 years. <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Pages/Apprenticeship.aspx>
  - ❑ Complete the application with the trade.
  - ❑ Most trades require an aptitude test. There are often study guides available.
  - ❑ If accepted plan on working hard and not missing any classes. Attendance and work quality are always of the highest priority.
  - ❑ If on a waiting list or denied, research other trades, or non union positions.