

Iowa legislation requires that public school students create a plan that includes career options and identifies coursework needed in grades 9-12 to support the student's postsecondary education and career interests. Beginning in 8th grade, students utilize Iowa's designated "ihaveaplaniowa" career software information system ([www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/)) to identify the career cluster that most interests them. They then complete an Academic Career Plan (ACP) identifying high school courses that align with it, being careful to ensure that all high school graduation and college entrance requirements are met. Each year throughout high school students have the opportunity to revise their plans as their career goals become more focused and their interests and needs change. A complete listing of high school requirements, the entire 'Course Guide' of high school offerings and additional career planning resources can be found on the district's web site (<http://www.davenportschools.org/students.asp>).

## 16 National Career Clusters

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| 1. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources | 9. Hospitality & Tourism                           |
| 2. Architecture & Construction           | 10. Human Services                                 |
| 3. Arts, A/V Technology & Communications | 11. Information Technology                         |
| 4. Business, Management & Administration | 12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security     |
| 5. Education & Training                  | 13. Manufacturing                                  |
| 6. Finance                               | 14. Marketing, Sales & Service                     |
| 7. Government & Public Administration    | 15. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics |
| 8. Health Science                        | 16. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics       |