

Cedar Mountain High School

2015-2016

Exciting changes are happening at Cedar Mountain High School!

Ramp Up to Readiness

We are pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity at Cedar Mountain High School. As we continue to support preparing our students for college and career readiness, we will be implementing the Ramp Up to Readiness program as part of a seven-year curriculum that students will complete before they enter the real world.



What Ramp Up to Readiness is:

Ramp up to Readiness is a program developed by the University of Minnesota with a mission to prepare students for college and career readiness in five specific ways: Academic Readiness, Admissions Readiness, Career Readiness, Financial Readiness, and Personal and Social Readiness.

5 Pillars of Readiness:

Academic Readiness: The ability to succeed in the first year of any two or four-year college.

Admissions Readiness: The ability to meet admissions requirements at a range of postsecondary institutions.

Career Readiness: The ability to identify careers that match personal and financial goals and to understand the skills, credentials, and experiences required to succeed in those careers.

Financial Readiness: The ability to cover the cost of the first term of study at a postsecondary institution through savings, loans, and financial aid.

Personal and Social Readiness: The ability to set educational goals, progress and measure goals, and create relationships with peers and adults that support academic success.

What It Will Look Like at Cedar Mountain:

At Cedar Mountain, students will be meeting in advisory groups for 30 minutes per week, where they will be completing 28 lessons for each year of high school. Attendance is required. The lessons help students learn more about their own progress in the five pillars of Ramp Up to Readiness. Students will meet in their Ramp Up groups every Friday from 9:50 -10:20. The groups will be comprised of advisors and other students in the same grade.



Why Ramp Up to Readiness?

Students at Cedar Mountain need to graduate ready to pursue their next endeavors. For some students, readiness means they are able to enter the workforce immediately. Some may enter the military. Others may choose to pursue a two or four-year degree. As students weigh their options, we hope to equip them with tools that will help them be successful in whatever path they choose.

By implementing Ramp Up, we are striving to inform and motivate students so they can be wise consumers of their own education. The study that led to the development of Ramp Up to Readiness revealed that by 2018, over 60 percent of American jobs will require a degree, and in Minnesota, 70 percent. Further findings showed a significant disconnect between the high aspirations of high school students and their knowledge of what it takes to achieve them.

As a staff, we hope to provide information that helps our students not only to build knowledge and skills necessary for future success, but to provide tools that build confidence, self-advocacy skills and allow your child to make informed decisions about his or her educational future.

For a complete overview on Ramp Up to Readiness:

<http://www.rampuptoreadiness.org/overview>

Will a weekly 30-minute class be enough to accomplish college readiness?

Keep in mind that while a weekly 30-minute class will not take the place of the K-12 education your child receives. It is an important supplemental curriculum that will provide students a big-picture glimpse of what college readiness entails, show them the importance of knowledge and skill-building, and lay a foundation that students can use to plan their futures.

How will we measure the success of Ramp Up?

As a school: We will base the success of Ramp Up based on the number and percentage of students doing the following:

- Scoring at "college ready" or above on the ACT or other



- (cont'd)assessments that measure college readiness.

- Completing the FAFSA Financial Aid form

- Gaining Admission to a postsecondary institution

- Returning to a postsecondary institution for a second year

- Achieving a GPA of 3.0 or higher

As a family: Ultimately what matters most in the success of Ramp Up to Readiness is in the impact it has on your child. Every family is unique, so while expectations and goals may vary from family to family, we hope that Ramp Up to Readiness provides a foundation for your son or daughter. We hope your child learns more about the unique skills and talents he or she possesses, the educational and career opportunities that are compatible with these skills and talents, and the connection between his or her high school education and the next endeavor that awaits them.

Bottom Line: We want to provide the opportunity for your child to build the skills and knowledge necessary for success in college and the workforce!