

RANGER PATHWAYS

Q and A

Q: What is Ranger Pathways?

A: Ranger Pathways is Hamilton Local's career exploration, preparation, and connection program. Hamilton Township High School students explore career fields that are consistent with their interests and skills; prepare for college and/or other career-specific training; and connect with businesses or municipalities for internships, apprenticeships, or other valuable work experiences. Our students' path to graduation and career success begins with Ranger Pathways.

Q: Which grades/buildings do something with Ranger Pathways?

A: All buildings, but it grows greater in each building--beginning from age-appropriate and anxiety-free discussion about jobs and careers in elementary to exploration of careers, job shadowing, credential training, College Credit Plus, and internships in high school.

Q: Is Hamilton trying to lock children into certain pathways at young ages?

A: No, not at all. The pathways allow students to understand the benefits of many careers and to see how they may enjoy different careers. The pathways have been designed in the high school so students can change course if they have new interests and skills. The core curriculum is the same for all pathways and nearly all the electives crossover, too.

Q: Why don't we just keep doing what worked in the past?

A: We are proud of our aim over the last ten years to ensure that college was an option for all students and we still have that aim. Now we recognize that there are careers that require a college degree, while some require a combination of college coursework and credential training, and others require only credential training. Each of these careers can be very rewarding and improve the financial security of our graduates.

Q: Is Hamilton alone in this work?

A: No. Our partners include universities, community colleges, municipalities, grant consortiums, emergency service agencies, our educational service center, business partners, national job training guidance groups, and Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools.

Q: How do I get more information about Ranger Pathways?

A: Visit Ranger Pathways: <http://www.hamiltonrangers.org/RangerPathways.aspx>