

Using Google Maps for Post Secondary Exploration

Overview

Using Google Maps to explore a university or community they might want to live and work after high school will allow students to “try on” the community. Students will explore different locations related to their interests.

Subject: Post Secondary Exploration

Topic: Using Google Maps for post secondary planning.

Grade: 9-12

Materials

Counselor and students will require access to the computer lab and Google Maps.

Instructions

This activity can be done in classrooms, small groups or with individual students.

1. Introduce Google Maps and give a brief tutorial about how the software works. Be sure to point out the Street View and Photo Tour feature.
2. Students will make a list of 3-5 different areas they might want to live or towns that have a college or program they are interested in.
2. Students will use Google Maps to explore areas they might want to attend school, live and/or work after high school. They will use the Street View and Photo Tour feature to “try on” the community. Have students answer these questions:
 - *Does this place look like a place I would want to live?
 - *Does the community have neighborhoods that are appealing? Shopping areas I like? Activities I am interested in? Is the town big or small? What does it look like during different times of year? What do I like about what I see? What do I not like about what I see?

Resources

Google Maps

Rubric

The counselor will monitor the activities as they progress and provide comments and guidance to students work.

Standards

Per the MCPS K-12 Comprehensive School Counseling Program, Career Domain:

STANDARD 1: Students identify individual strengths and interests to make informed education and career decisions.

1. I know there are a variety of resources and opportunities available to me to increase my knowledge and abilities.

STANDARD 2: Students demonstrate knowledge and skills to explore career opportunities.

STANDARD 3: Students reflect on and apply strategies, personal qualities, and skills to successfully navigate the world of work.

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