

## ***Naviance* at UMS Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is *Naviance*?**

A: *Naviance* is a web-based, customizable, planning portal for students and families.

At UMS it is a resource that can provide our students with unique experiences that help to enhance their understanding about their strengths and abilities both in and out of the classroom.

**Q: When will students gain access to *Naviance*?**

A: Students will first gain access to *Naviance* in a cycle class in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. At that time they will receive an individual account that will follow them all the way to graduation.

**Q: Why is *Naviance* introduced in 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**

A: Middle school is a time of much self-exploration and *Naviance* can assist students in finding out more about their strengths and blind-spots so they can advocate for themselves and confidently create and work towards their future goals.

**Q: How will students use *Naviance* at UMS?**

A: There are three (3) assessments students will take in *Naviance* at UMS:

Learning Styles Inventory: to gain a better understanding of how they best process and present information. This information can assist students in taking more ownership of their own learning and advocate for their educational needs.

Strengths Explorer: to gain insight into the traits that come naturally to them based on interests and experiences.

Do What You Are: a Myers Briggs type assessment to gain detailed information about their personality as well as strengths and blind-spots. This can also help students investigate potential careers that match their strengths and interests.

**Q: Will students have access to *Naviance* in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**

A: In 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will revisit the assessments taken 7<sup>th</sup> grade, create a list titled "What I wish others knew about me," and focus on strengths and generating solutions for overcoming future challenges.

**Q: Can parents access their child(ren)'s *Naviance* account?**

A: Parents can access *Naviance* via their child(ren)'s account. It is recommended that parents visit *Naviance* **with** their child(ren) and talk about the assessment results, interests and goals.

**Q: How does *Naviance* follow the student through to graduation?**

A: In high school students will have tasks to complete every year, grades 9-12. Some tasks will include continued self-exploration; junior and senior years will be focused on the college search and application to college. *Naviance* is also a means of communication in high school regarding college visits to MHS, open houses on college campuses, and scholarship opportunities.