Lesson Plan: Orienting Juniors to Naviance

A lesson plan that introduces juniors to Naviance, a postsecondary planning software, so they can explore college options before senior year.

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Objective

Students will explore their postsecondary options and learn about important Naviance features, including: updating profile information, engaging in a college search, and using the Super Match tool.

Essential Question

How do I use Naviance to explore college options before my senior year?

Student Will Be Able To

• Log in to Naviance account and utilize basic functions

• Use the Super Match tool to deepen understanding of match

Materials

• Laptop

• Projector

• How to Use Naviance for College Research handout

	Introduction	
Step 1	• To begin, there will be a round-robin where students answer the following question: 　° What is your name and what is your top college choice or plan for life after high school? • Facilitators will introduce themselves and provide the objective of today's session. • Explain: *"Today we will introduce a tool that will be essential for you to engage in postsecondary planning during senior year. You can use Naviance to keep track of your college applications and scholarships, and to request that your transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other documents are sent. I'm also going to demonstrate how to use some essential functions. Any questions?"*	10 minutes

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Step 2	**Naviance Demonstration** • Go to the Naviance login page. 　◦ Click on "Student Login" and use email and password. 　◦ Navigate to the student perspective in "Family Connection." (This should be projected so that all students are following along.) • Explain: *"Today, we are going to focus on just a few tools under "College Research." You can see that there are many other areas that you can utilize, which you can explore on your own time or in the College Lab with your Counselor. Any questions?"* • Click on "College Lookup." Type in the name of a university (i.e. University of Illinois at Chicago). Now, highlight aspects of the general information, admissions, financial aid, etc. • Click on "Super Match." Explain: *"The Super Match tool uses your Grade Point Average (GPA) and ACT (when available) to match you to colleges where your academic qualifications are on par with the average incoming freshman. You can also update the fit characteristics on this side panel here. Any questions?"*	10 minutes
Step 3	**College Research** • Students have 25 minutes to navigate Naviance on their own. • Explain: *"When you come back in the fall, you will have to be ready to submit applications right away! We want you to be able to utilize Naviance over the summer to engage in postsecondary planning. For the next 25 minutes, please stay confined to the "College Research" functions in Naviance, which includes College Search, Look Up, Super Match, and Scattergram. There will be staff members floating around the room who will check-in with you today. Any questions?"*	25 minutes
Step 4	**Wrap Up** • To wrap up, regain the attention of the classroom five minutes before the end of the period. Ask one to two students to share out on the following question: 　◦ How will you use Naviance this summer to engage in postsecondary planning?	5 minutes

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