

Dear Eastlake Families,

Our district vision is *Every Student Future Ready*. Beginning in middle school and continuing throughout high school, as part of our vision, we help all students explore their skills and interests and discover potential future career and educational options. These activities are part of a state graduation requirement called **The High School and Beyond Plan**.

What is the High School and Beyond Plan?

The High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) is a process designed to help students explore their learning styles and interests and connect their interests to high school course taking and post-secondary educational pathways and careers. Through the HSBP, students are encouraged to take ownership over their high school experience and choose coursework and activities that are relevant to their goals. As part of the process, students use an interactive online web-based program called **Xello**.

What is Xello?

Xello is a secure web-based program, accessed through PowerSchool, that helps students plan for their future. Students complete interactive activities that build self-knowledge and help them explore thousands of career and post-secondary education options. Students develop a personalized plan that they update and refine each year until graduation.

Within Xello, it will help students discover the pathway that is right for them, whether it involves a trade, college, university, entrepreneurship, or other type of training. As students gain self-knowledge through assessments and reflection, they save careers, schools, programs, and experiences to form a vibrant, visual portfolio to help them plan their future. The Xello activities are one of many tools that are available to students to help them build a strong understanding of themselves and make decisions for their future. They are also developed specifically to align to the needs of students at different grade levels. During registration week, students will simultaneously complete the 2018-2019 portion of their grade-assigned HSBP lessons. Using the program will help students to link their personality and skills to potential career options and understand how those career aspirations can be achieved through proper course selection.

Each student is provided with a unique Xello account, available through PowerSchool, which only they can access and share. Students share their Xello pages with their parents, so parents are involved in the process. In addition, beginning at grade 10, every student's Xello account includes access to **Method Test Prep**.

What is Method Test Prep?

Method Test Prep is a secure web-based program that prepares students to take the ACT or SAT test. Students are provided anytime/anywhere access to a fully comprehensive, interactive, self-guided curriculum. Method Test Prep's web-based SAT and ACT lessons are designed to help prepare students for either test and maximize their test taking abilities through short five-to-fifteen-minute sessions.

[View a Method Test Prep demo](#)

Key Dates and Information for Eastlake Students

February 20 th :	UW/AP Night in Eastlake Theater for students and their parents
February 21 st and 22 nd :	Registration Activities (embedded in daily schedule)
February 21 st and 22 nd :	Required Xello HSBP Activities as part of Pack Time (embedded in daily schedule)
February 22 nd :	Electives Fair (embedded in daily schedule)
February 28 th :	Registration and Xello HSBP Make-Up (after school, in theater)
Feb 22 nd & Mar 1 st :	Wolf Times dedicated to info sessions for learning about classes for 2019-20 school year

Feb 22nd thru Mar 5th: Counselors available to answer questions before/after school and during lunch
March 4th: Registration Due

If you have any questions related to Xello, High School and Beyond, or Method Test Prep, please direct them to Brittanie Petersen at bpetersen@lwsd.org. Questions about registration can be directed to assigned counselor.

Thanks,

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