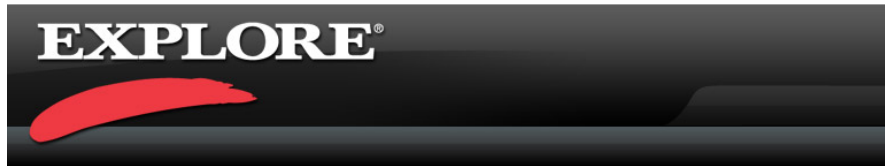


# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade...And Beyond!



In October all eighth graders complete the **EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> assessment. **EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> is designed to help 8th and 9th graders explore a broad range of options for their future. It helps to prepare students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success! (*For more detailed information about **EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> simply click on the “**EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> Info” link below.*)

**EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> Student Score Reports are normally returned in December. This report provides information about their knowledge (Math, English, Reading & Science), educational and career plans, interests, high school coursework plans, and the amount of help they think they will need to achieve their goals. In the spring we will use this information to develop each student's Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs).

During the IGP meeting, you and your child will meet with middle and high school counselors to develop their schedule for their freshman year and to begin thinking about their classes for the remaining time in high school. The results of **EXPLORE**<sup>®</sup> will be used by the counselors to help guide your child to choose classes throughout their high school years that will ensure that they are prepared for life's choices after high school.

This is an exciting time in the lives of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they get ready to move on to high school. It's my hope that the dreaming, planning and career exploration done throughout their years at NAMS will give them the roots they need to be successful in whatever career path they choose.