PaCEing Yourself

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“Do something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else.”

“One thing is sure. We have to do something. We have to do the best we know how at the moment... If it doesn't turn out right, we can modify it as we go along.”
2013-2014 District Goals - https://5il.co/ikuq
2015-2016 District Goals - https://5il.co/ikul
Career Readiness

definition
meaning of a word; can be subjective

Career ready graduates have the skills and motivation to pursue a self-directed goal, adapt to challenges along the way, and know the options to obtain their post-secondary career.
Community Engagement in our goal work

Involvement in **Waubonsee College and Career Readiness Partnership** and the **Northern Illinois Regional P-20 Network**
Survey question examples

- How many jobs have you filled in the last 12 months?
- How many jobs do you expect to fill within the next 12 months?
- Which soft skill rises to the top of the list when considering entry-level success in your workplace?
- Which hard skill rises to the top of the list when considering entry-level success in your workplace?
- Which of the hard skills from your list can be developed for new employees after you hire the employee in your workplace?
- Which are more important for your success in your workplace, hard skills or soft skills? Why?
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HBR Career Readiness Plan

Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 defines career ready graduates as having the skills and motivation to pursue a self-directed goal, adapt to challenges along the way, and know the options to obtain their post-secondary career. It is our goal that all graduating seniors will have a defined plan and be career ready when they complete high school. This list of benchmark expectations will act as a guide for HBR staff, students, and parents as we plan and prepare for our students to be ready to go.

- skills and motivation to pursue a self-directed goal
- adapt to challenges along the way
- know the options to obtain their PS career

By the end of 8th grade
A student should be supported to:
- complete a career cluster survey
- engage in annual career day
- take part in a financial literacy exercise
- attend a day with parent/guardian at work

A student should know:
- the concept of career clusters for further exploration
- possible career clusters they are currently interested in
- the relationship between the skills acquired in community service and extracurricular activities and postsecondary career goals

By the end of 9th grade
A student should be supported to:
- revisit/update the career interest inventory
- complete orientation to career clusters
- attend a PS options workshop
- complete 4 year plan with counselor
- outline a plan for school and community engagement aligned with PS goals

A student should know:
- at least one career cluster for further exploration
- the relationship between coursework, school and community engagement, and outcomes to PS goals
- general cost ranges of various PS options

By the end of 10th grade
A student should be supported to:
- complete orientation to a chosen CP
- chose a CP related to a career cluster
- identify 2-3 adults to support him/her through the PS planning/selection process
- attend a PS financial workshop with an adult family member

A student should know:
- educational requirements, cost, entry level, and median salary for chosen CP
- different types of PS credentials and institutions
- general timing of exams and applications aligned with chosen CP
- benefit of early college credit related to PS goals

PS - Post-secondary, CP - Career Pathways
- skills and motivation to pursue a self-directed goal
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<td>identify and complete a virtual job-shadowing</td>
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<td>revisit/update the career interest inventory</td>
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<td>create a resume and personal statement</td>
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<td>attend a fair aligned to PS goals</td>
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<td>enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity</td>
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<td>identify the specialized skills necessary to be successful in their chosen CP by the end of 1st semester</td>
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<td>complete a self-assessment regarding their proficiency in relation to these specialized skills and utilize the results</td>
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<td>if the CP lines up with observed academic behavior, results, and remaining time to achieve PS goals</td>
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<td>application deadlines, test timing, cost, financial aid deadlines, return on investment of options to achieve PS goals</td>
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<td>career attributes related to CP</td>
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<td>3-5 options to achieve PS goals, one reach option and one safe option</td>
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<td>completed 3 or more applications that align with PS goals</td>
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<td>met with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS process are completed on time</td>
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<td>attended a FAFSA completion workshop when aligned with PS goals</td>
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<td>have an advanced understanding of the specialized skills necessary to be successful in their chosen CP</td>
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<td>complete an analysis of their pursuit/accumulation of these specialized skills and then utilize this analysis</td>
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<td>create a summer career readiness plan</td>
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<td>understand that the steps they have taken K-12 have prepared them to independently pursue a different CP should they choose to do so</td>
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A student should know:
- how CP courses articulate with PS goals
- estimated costs and return on investment related to further education for PS goals
- terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan for further education related to PS goals

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Adapted and modeled after Illinois PaCE: Postsecondary and Career Expectations
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2016 Results

- 89% have goals related to their future career ambitions
- 97% have goals for next year
- 89% revealed they adapt to challenges in order to succeed
- 92% are ready for the next step in their educational career
I have a personal goal for the future and I know the options to attain my goal

Class of
- 2017: 96.6% and 98.3%
- 2018: 97.4% and 100%
- 2019: 100% and 100%
- 2022: 97.9% and 97.9%
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