



Postsecondary and Career Expectations

Each student should have an individualized learning plan to help make decisions about career and post-secondary (PS) education or training, to plan a course of study, and to make financial aid assessments with family members.

By the end of 8th grade	By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete a career cluster survey attend a career exploration day attend a college information day attend a workshop that connecting PS education with career options learn how to prepare a budget <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the concept of career clusters of interest relationship between community service/ extra curricular activities and postsecondary (PS) career goals 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revisit career cluster interest survey and take a career interest survey complete an orientation to career clusters attend a workshop that help them understand how to pay for college, etc develop a 4 year plan meet with a counselor to discuss coursework and PS/career plans outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans understand the option to enroll in college classes in high school know general cost range of various PS institutions <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one or two career clusters for further exploration and development own learning style and how it relates to career interest the relationship between HS coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans complete a college fit/match inventory general cost of various PS options 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit at least one workplace aligned with career interest select a career pathway (CP) with a career cluster of interest develop public speaking skills begin determining eligibility for AP courses identify 1-2 adults to support the student through the PS and career selection process review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators (every year) attend a PS college fair <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> education requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP different types of PS credentials and institutions general timing of PS entrance exams and applications benefits of early college credit opportunists to PS access and completion meet with counselor to discuss coursework and PS/ career plans 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revisit the career survey participate in a mock job interview participate in job shadowing opportunities create a resume and a personal statement identify an internship opportunity related to the CP complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity attend a college fair visit at least 1 PS institution take at least one college entrance exam <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend a financial aid workshop application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for CP career attributes related to career interest entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected PS programs of study know where to find scholarship opportunities the college application process outline a plan to pay for college 	<p>By 12/31, a student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed 1-3 admissions applications to PS institutions met with school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time attend a FAFSA completion workshop complete the FAFSA <p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> address any remedial needs in math/ELA attend a financial aid awards letter workshop <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how CP courses and experience articulate to degree programs at PS options estimate the cost of each PS option PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipate debt terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan 1 - 3 match schools, one safety, one reach school for PS program of study financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options



- Career Exploration and Development
- Financial Aid and Literacy
- Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection