PaCE Yourself:
Turning Passion into Profession

Learn more!

The **PaCE**, or **Post-Secondary and Career Expectations**, framework allows each student to have a **4-Year Course Plan**. This helps them explore their passions, align their classes with career goals, and understand their options for life after high school – enrollment in college, enlistment in the military, or employment in a career. Students and their families should also learn about financial aid to make informed decisions together.

BY THE END OF 9TH GRADE

- [ ] Complete the Interest Profiler in MaiaLearning, review results and ♥ at least 2 careers to add to your list
- [ ] Take the Personality Assessment in MaiaLearning to better understand how your traits align with career options
- [ ] Explore a career pathway and build a 4-Year Course Plan with classes that match your interests and goals
- [ ] Meet with your school counselor to begin to create your plans for high school and beyond - whether that means enrollment, enlistment or employment
  - [ ] Learn what's required to take Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (AP) courses that can give you a headstart on your future
  - [ ] Explore financial aid options–like the Harper Promise Scholarship–and the earning potential of different careers

BY THE END OF 10TH GRADE

- [ ] Complete the character surveys in MaiaLearning, revisit your Interest Profiler and Personality Assessment to see how your results have changed
- [ ] Update your MaiaLearning Portfolio to include your Post-Secondary Goal
- [ ] Request early college credit courses, like Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (AP), offered at your high school
- [ ] Attend the D211 College Night at Palatine HS and explore over 175 colleges and universities
- [ ] Explore part-time jobs, internships, and/or volunteer work related to your career interests

BY THE END OF 11TH GRADE

- [ ] Use MaiaLearning search tools to explore college and careers that match your interests
- [ ] Check the Events page in MaiaLearning and meet with college representatives who visit your high school to explore your options
- [ ] Attend College Planning Night for Juniors with your family
- [ ] Meet with your counselor/teachers to review your readiness for college-level Math and English
- [ ] Attend the D211 College Night at Palatine HS and explore over 175 colleges and universities
- [ ] Visit post-high school options–like colleges, training programs, or military reps–and add your top choices to your "Considering" list in MaiaLearning
- [ ] Apply for jobs or internships to gain experience in your career pathway

BY THE END OF 12TH GRADE

- [ ] Attend college application sessions for support with completing and submitting applications
- [ ] Join a Financial Aid Night and FAFSA Completion Workshop with your family
- [ ] Complete the FAFSA, Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, or the Non-Participation Form – whichever fits your situation – to meet the state graduation requirement
- [ ] Search and apply for scholarships that align with your goals and interests
- [ ] Review your placement in Math and English to confirm you're ready for college-level coursework
- [ ] Check how your Dual Credit and AP courses transfer to the colleges or programs you're considering
- [ ] Attend the Senior Job Fair if you are planning on entering the workforce after graduation
- [ ] Complete the Senior Exit Survey and mark your final college choice as 'Accepted – Attending' in MaiaLearning to send your final transcript

Explore all Four Years

- [ ] Create and maintain your 4-Year Course Plan and update MaiaLearning as your plans change
- [ ] Get involved in at least two extracurricular activities and/or athletic programs
- [ ] Get involved in community service opportunities to build experiences
- [ ] Build relationships with trusted adults at school
- [ ] Attend college exploration events, including D211 College Night, First Generation College Workshop and Directions Fair (IEP/504 students)
- [ ] Seek out career exploration experiences: attend guest speaker sessions, register for career site visits, and explore career fairs through the Career Advisor