East Peoria Community High School District 309

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

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

By the end of 9th grade

Student should be supported to:

- Complete Career Exploration assignment
- Complete an orientation to career clusters
- Explore career options
- Identify 2-3 adults to support the student through the PS and career selection process
- Outline a plan community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans
- learn how salary, budgeting, and cost of living effect daily life
- Meet to discuss PS plans using the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators and choose courses that match their college/career goals
- Become familiar with the terms and definitions of AP and Early College coursework
- Engage in a public speaking opportunity
- Take the PSAT 9

Student should know:

- the importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans
- general cost ranges of various PS options
- the relationship between HS coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans

By the end of 10th grade

- Student should be supported to:

 Complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping
- Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest through Xello
- Compare and contrast personal strengths and weaknesses with career choice through Xello
- Attend a PS affordability exploration
- Locate scholarship opportunities
- Prepare a budget
- Understand different banking and investment relationships
- Understand the similarities and differences of AP and Early College courses
- Review coursework and PS plans in relation to the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators
- Understand the eligibility requirements to enroll in AP coursework, Early College, and WBL programs
- Take the PSAT10

Student should know:

- the cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP through Xello
- the benefit of early college credit opportunities to PS access and completion
- Different types of PS credentials and institutions as well as educational requirements for their PS plan
- the general timing of PS entrance exams and applications

By the end of 11th grade

Student should be supported to:

- Complete an ELA unit that will include, but not be limited to: career research essay and/or presentation, mock interviews, resume building, personal essays for college, virtual college tours and possible job shadowing opportunities
- Locate scholarship opportunities
- · Attend a college fair
- · Take at least one college entrance exam
- Have the opportunity to take the ASVAB
- Build MLA research skills
- Take the Accuplacer/qualify for dual-credit coursework
- Complete the ACT

Student should know:

- career attributes related to career interests
- application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation options for industry-based certifications and CP
- entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected PS programs of study
- how CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options
- the negative impact of remediation on PS goals

By the end of 12th grade

By 12/31 of 12th grade a student should have:

- Attended a FAFSA completion workshop and completed the FAFSA per ISBE graduation guidelines
- Met with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time

By the end of 12th grade a student should be supported to:

- If applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the CP
- Attend a financial aid award letter workshop
- Locate scholarship opportunities
- Address any remedial needs in Math/ELA
- Complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity
- Take the Accuplacer/qualify for dual-credit coursework
- · Complete the ACT

Student should know:

- the affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt
- terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan
- financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options
- 3-5 match schools, one safety school, and one reach school for PS program of study



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