



Kankakee High School

Postsecondary and Career Expectations

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

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"> Understand that taking the right courses in high school can reduce the cost of college Explore the opportunity costs of PS choices Complete an orientation to career clusters Complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping Compare and contrast personal strengths and weaknesses with career choice Complete a career cluster survey Be aware of youth employment opportunities while in high school Be aware of job prospects by geographic location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with a counselor to discuss coursework and PS/career plans using ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRRI) Attend a college fair Review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE CCRIs <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to find scholarships opportunities the difference between need-based, merit-based, and self-help financial aid importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans the relationship between high school coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about financial wellness Understand the job application process for desired fields Attend a career exploration day Address any remedial needs in math/ELA Determine readiness for college-level coursework in either "catch up" or "speed up" course Complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity Review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE CCRIs <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt general cost ranges of various PS institutions estimated cost of each PS option one or two career clusters for further exploration and development how career pathways courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career clusters relationship between community service/extracurricular activities and PS/career goals the different types of PS credentials and institutions the benefit of early college credit opportunities to PS access and completion 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a plan to pay for college using financial resources Attend a PS affordability workshop with a family member Understand timeline for financial aid process Complete a financial aid assessment with a family member Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop Participate in mock job interview Interview a professional who is working in desired field Create a resume and personal statement Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest Identify two related PS paths and/or college majors strongly correlated with career cluster survey results Visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests* Show evidence of PS plan Identify 2-3 adults to support the student through the PS/career selection process Secure letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications Attend a PS options workshop Take at least one college entrance exam Compare campus life opportunities Review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE CCRIs <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> career attributes related to career interests the general timing of PS entrance exams and applications 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a thorough scholarship search and application process Understand the student loan process and available loan options Attend a financial aid offer workshop Identify an internship opportunity related to career pathways Complete a unit on education planning Review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE CCRIs <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for career pathways <p>By 12/31, a student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete the FAFSA (or other financial aid application) attend a financial aid application completion workshop Meet with a school counselor to ensure all steps in PS admissions process are completed on time Complete 3 or more admissions applications to PS institutions
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