



Illinois PaCE

Career Exploration and Development Benchmarks

Instructions: Using the Illinois PaCE Framework, take an inventory to assess what is currently being done within the school or district. To get started, use the Degree of Completion Scale to report the percentage of students currently meeting each benchmark. Enter the corresponding number in the box next to each benchmark.



Step 1: Take an Inventory

Key
CP Career Pathway
PS Postsecondary

Degree of Completion Scale
1 Less than 25% of students **4** 76-99% of students
2 26-50% of students **5** 100% of students
3 51-75% of students

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>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> complete a career cluster survey <input type="checkbox"/> complete a career interest survey 	<p>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests <input type="checkbox"/> participate in activities related to their career cluster of interest <input type="checkbox"/> select a career area of interest: enroll in career pathway (CP) as available <input type="checkbox"/> explore opportunities along the Work Based Learning Continuum. 	<p>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> revisit the career interest survey <input type="checkbox"/> participate in a mock job interview <input type="checkbox"/> create a resume and personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> complete an experience within the Work Based Learning Continuum. <input type="checkbox"/> complete a Postsecondary Plan Workshop 	<p>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> complete at least two team based challenges.” <input type="checkbox"/> obtain an internship opportunity related to the CP if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> if applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to
<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one or two careers for further exploration 	<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP <input type="checkbox"/> skills related to career interests 	<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for CP 	<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> how CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options
			<p>students should have:</p> <p>N/A</p>