



Illinois PaCE

Financial Aid and Literacy 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
FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
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"/> attend a basic financial aid presentation with a trusted adult 	<p>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> attend a basic financial aid presentation with a family member 	<p>students should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 a financial aid offer workshop
			<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> estimated cost of chosen PS options <input type="checkbox"/> affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt <input type="checkbox"/> terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan
<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> general cost ranges of various PS option 	<p>students should know:</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> financial aid deadlines chosen PS options 	<p>students should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> attended a Financial Aid Application completion workshop <input type="checkbox"/> completed a financial aid application