

## 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Attend a basic financial aid presentation with a trusted adult</li> <li> Know general cost ranges of various PS options</li> <li> Explore the opportunity costs of PS choices</li> <li> Complete a career cluster and career interest survey</li> <li> Know one or two careers for further exploration</li> <li> Know skills related to career interests</li> <li> Know how career pathway courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at postsecondary options</li> <li> Identify two related PS paths and/or college majors strongly correlated with career area of interest</li> <li> Attend a career exploration day, activity, or presentation</li> <li> Select a career area of interest: enroll in career pathway (CP) as available</li> <li> Attend a PS options workshop, activity, or presentation</li> <li> Know the relationship between High School coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans</li> <li> Select coursework for postsecondary/career plans aligned with ISBE's CCE indicators</li> <li> Outline a plan for community service &amp; extracurricular activities related to PS and career plans</li> <li> Enroll as appropriate in early college credit courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Attend a basic financial aid presentation with a trusted adult</li> <li> Know affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt</li> <li> Visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests</li> <li> Participate in activities related to their career cluster of interest</li> <li> Select a career area of interest: enroll in career pathway (CP) as available</li> <li> Explore opportunities along the Work Based Learning Continuum</li> <li> Connect and build relationships with 2-3 adults to support the PS and career selection process</li> <li> Know different types of PS credentials and institutions</li> <li> General timing of PS entrance exams and applications</li> <li> Benefit of early college credit opportunities to PS access and completion</li> <li> Enroll as appropriate in early college credit courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Complete a postsecondary plan workshop</li> <li> Understand the timeline of the financial aid process</li> <li> Know how to find scholarship opportunities</li> <li> Know the difference between need-based, merit-based, and self-help financial aid</li> <li> Revisit career Interest Survey</li> <li> Create a resume and personal statement</li> <li> Participate in a mock job interview</li> <li> Complete or enroll in an elective course to explore career interests</li> <li> Complete an experience within the Work Based Learning Continuum</li> <li> Complete a college fit/match inventory and know 3-5 match schools, one safety, and one reach school for PS program of study</li> <li> Attend a college fair</li> <li> Visit at least 3 PS Institutions</li> <li> Complete at least one early college credit course</li> <li> Know entrance requirements including application deadlines for expected PS programs of study</li> <li> Participate in one college entrance exam</li> <li> Address any remedial needs in math/ELA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> By 12/31 attend a financial aid application completion workshop</li> <li> By 12/31 complete a financial aid application</li> <li> Complete a financial aid offer workshop and understand how to be a responsible borrower</li> <li> Understand the student loan process and available loan options</li> <li> Estimated cost of post secondary options</li> <li> Know terms and conditions of scholarships and loans</li> <li> How CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options</li> <li> Know application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry based certification for career pathway</li> <li> Complete at least 2 team-based challenges</li> <li> Obtain an internship opportunity related to the CP if applicable</li> <li> If applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the CP</li> <li> Secure letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications</li> <li> By 12/31 completed 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions</li> <li> By 12/31 meet with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time</li> </ul>