

# Illinois Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) Framework at River Grove School



## 6th

### Understanding Myself & Career Interests

#### Sixth graders:

- Complete the Career Interests Assessment
- Explore career clusters
- Research their highest rated careers
- Learn what "grit" and "growth mindset" are and how they contribute to a future career

## 7th

### Understanding Myself & Postsecondary Education Options

#### Seventh graders:

- Complete the Career Personality Assessment
- Explore postsecondary education options
- Learn how flexibility, communication, and collaboration help them succeed in postsecondary paths

## 8th

### Connecting My Initiative to Career Choices

#### Eighth Graders:

- Complete the Work Values Assessment
- Research career income and gain knowledge of financial literacy
- Learn how taking initiative and creative and critical thinking play roles in succeeding in postsecondary settings

At the middle school level, the PaCE Framework is designed to provide students with guided exploration of postsecondary planning and options in a manner that is consistent with the developmental stage of each student. This developmental work is intended to prepare students to more fully engage with the PaCE Framework throughout the high school years.