



Illinois PaCE Postsecondary and Career Expectations

At the middle school and early high school level, the Illinois Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) Framework is designed to provide students with guided exploration of postsecondary planning and options in a manner that is consistent with adolescent development. Meaningful participation in post-secondary preparation programs requires that students perceive college and/or career as possible and probable. Too often, programs are designed to serve only students who already have a college-going or career-oriented identity. The developmental work in the middle school framework is intended to prepare students to more fully engage with the PaCE Framework throughout the critical high school years.



By the End of 6th Grade

A student is expected to:

- Lesson on getting involved
 - Club open house
- Attend Career Fair
- College and Career Week (spirit week)
 - M - Career/College Quiz/Interest Survey
 - T - Financial literacy
 - W - What is a Resume (paper or google document to share to the next grade)
 - Th - Communication + research + plan your day for tomorrow
 - F - Career Fair
- Successfully complete 9 weeks of Leadworthy course
- Participate in Capturing Kids Hearts Lessons during advisory
- Add growth mindset Cool Tool (poster, phrase, lesson)
- Quarterly service projects

By the End of 7th Grade

A student is expected to:

- Lesson on getting involved
- Club open house
- Attend Career Fair
- College and Career Week (spirit week)
 - M - Career/College Quiz/Interest Survey
 - T - Financial literacy
 - W - Listing the activities you do to put in a resume
 - Th - Communication + research + plan your day for tomorrow
 - F - Career Fair
- Participate in Capturing Kids Hearts Lessons
- Add growth mindset Cool Tool (poster, phrase, lesson)
- Quarterly service projects

By the End of 8th Grade

A student is expected to

- Lesson on getting involved
- Club open house
- Attend Career Fair
 - College Board Quizzes
 - [Career](#) and [College](#)
- College and Career Week (spirit week)
 - M - Career/College Quiz/Interest Survey
 - T - Financial literacy
 - W - Writing a Resume
 - Th - Communication + research + plan your day for tomorrow
 - F - Career Fair
- Attend Career Fair
- Participate in Capturing Kids Hearts Lessons
- Add growth mindset Cool Tool (poster, phrase, lesson)
- Quarterly service projects

