



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.

Edwardsville High School

By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
● Complete a career interest inventory ● Identify one or two careers to further explore ● Understand the relationship between the HS credit system, attendance, and grades to postsecondary plans ● Participate in the PreAct Secure 9 ● Meet with School Counselor to discuss coursework and postsecondary plans	● Revisit Career Interest Inventory ● Attend a Postsecondary Options Workshop (College/Career Fair) ● Select related high school courses to postsecondary plan ● Enroll, as appropriate, in college credit courses ● Meet with School Counselor to discuss coursework and postsecondary plans ● Participate in PreACT Secure ● Attend a basic financial aid workshop	● Revisit Career Interest Inventory ● Understand educational requirements, cost, skills, expected entry level and midpoint salary for occupations in selected Career Pathways ● Be aware/attend local and national college fairs ● Speak with recruiters, college representatives, and trade representatives ● Know entrance requirements, including application deadlines for expected postsecondary programs of study ● Select at least 3 schools for postsecondary program of study and plan to visit, one of the 3 schools should be safe and one reach ● Take the ASVAB test if applicable ● Meet with School Counselor to discuss coursework and postsecondary plans ● Begin writing a resume and personal statement ● Be aware of additional ACT/SAT national testing opportunities ● Participate in the ACT ● Understand different types of financial aid	● Meet with School Counselor to track progress of postsecondary plans and revise if necessary ● If applicable, complete 1 - 3 admissions applications to postsecondary institutions ● If applicable, take the ASVAB test ● Review the process of transferring any postsecondary credit from one institution to another ● Send final transcripts to school of choice after graduation ● Attend a basic Financial Aid presentation with a trusted adult ● Understand types of loans available for postsecondary education ● Complete the FAFSA application (October 1st) or fill out the non-participation waiver ● Know how to access/apply for grants and scholarships

*This PaCE framework is currently in a developmental stage and will be updated accordingly.

