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# The Purpose of PaCE and Resources Available for Schools



# Welcome

In the chat tell us:

- Your name, organization or school
- What town you're joining us from
- Your favorite thing to do to decompress

# Agenda

1. Overview of the Postsecondary and Career Expectations Framework ( PaCE )
2. New Resources on PaCE
3. PaCESupport

# Overview of PaCE

# Illinois PaCE Framework

## Illinois PaCE Postsecondary and Career Expectations

Each student should have an individualized learning plan to help make decisions about career and post-secondary (PS) education or training, to plan a course of study, and to make financial aid assessments with family members.

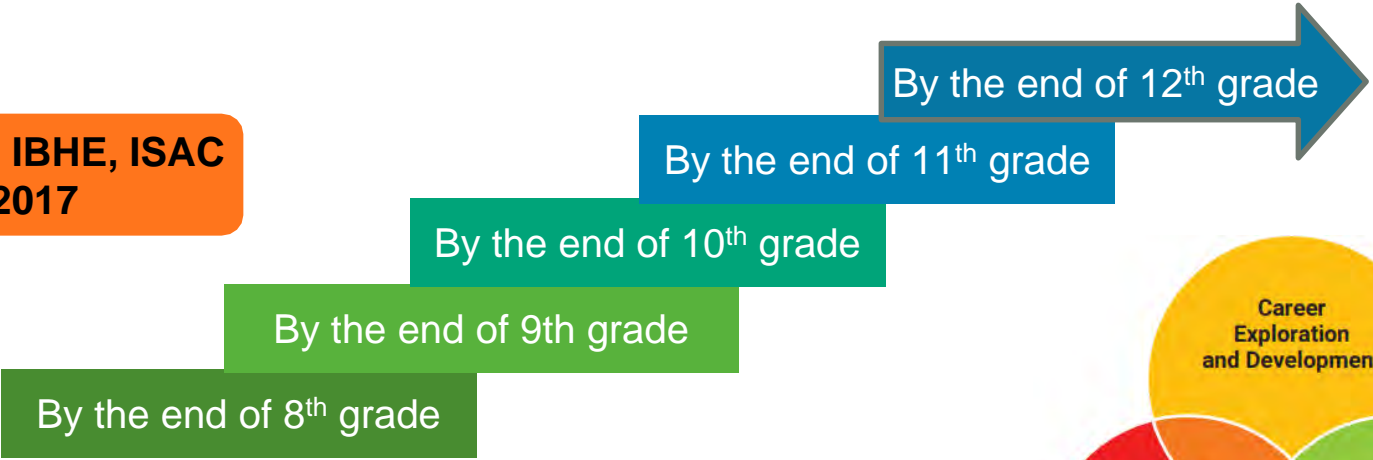


By the end of 8th grade	By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
<p><b>A student should be supported to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>complete a career cluster survey</li> <li>attend a career exploration day</li> <li>complete a unit on education planning</li> <li>be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop</li> </ul> <p><b>A student should know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the concept of career clusters of interest</li> <li>relationship between community service/extracurricular activities and postsecondary (PS)/career goals</li> </ul>	<p><b>A student should be supported to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revisit career cluster interest survey and take a career interest survey</li> <li>complete an orientation to career clusters</li> <li>attend a PS options workshop</li> <li>meet with a counselor to discuss coursework and PS/career plans using the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators</li> <li>begin determining eligibility for advanced placement (AP) courses</li> <li>outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans</li> <li>complete a financial aid assessment with a family member</li> </ul> <p><b>A student should know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one or two career clusters for further exploration and development</li> <li>the relationship between HS coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans</li> <li>importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans</li> <li>general cost ranges of various PS options</li> </ul>	<p><b>A student should be supported to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests</li> <li>complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping</li> <li>select a career pathway (CP) within a career cluster of interest</li> <li>begin determining eligibility for AP courses</li> <li>identify 2-3 adults to support the student through the PS and career selection process</li> <li>review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators (every year)</li> <li>attend a PS affordability workshop with a family member</li> </ul> <p><b>A student should know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP</li> <li>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> </ul>	<p><b>A student should be supported to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revisit the career survey</li> <li>participate in a mock job interview</li> <li>create a resume and personal statement</li> <li>identify an internship opportunity related to the CP</li> <li>determine readiness for college-level coursework in math/ELA and enrollment in either "catch up" or "speed up" course</li> <li>complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity</li> <li>attend a college fair</li> <li>visit at least 3 PS institutions</li> <li>take at least one college entrance exam</li> </ul> <p><b>A student should know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for CP</li> <li>career attributes related to career interests</li> <li>entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected PS programs of study</li> <li>3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for PS program of study</li> <li>negative impact of remediation on PS goals</li> <li>financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options</li> </ul>	<p><b>By 12/31 of 12th grade a student should have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>completed 3 or more admissions applications to PS institutions</li> <li>met with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time</li> <li>attended a FAFSA completion workshop</li> <li>completed the FAFSA</li> </ul> <p><b>By the end of 12th grade a student should be supported to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>address any remedial needs in math/ELA</li> <li>obtain an internship opportunity related to the CP</li> <li>if applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the CP</li> <li>complete one or more team-based challenges or projects related to the CP</li> <li>attend a financial aid award letter workshop</li> </ul> <p><b>A student should know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options</li> <li>estimated cost of each PS option</li> <li>affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt</li> <li>terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan</li> </ul>



# Components of the Illinois PaCEFramework

ISBE, ICCB, IBHE, ISAC  
7/1/2017



- A student should be supported to:
- A student should know:
- A student should have:



# Making the Connection

Several benchmarks help support and meet College and Career Readiness Indicators and College and Career Pathway Endorsements

	PaCE Element <sup>1</sup>	ISBE College & Career Readiness Indicator (CCRI)	CCPE
Career Exploration & Development	Visit at least one workplace aligned to career interests (10th)	✔ Supports baseline component (Identify a career area of interest by the end of 10th grade)	✔ Meets Professional Learning 9th/10th grade requirement (At least 2 career exploration activities)
	Revisit career cluster survey and take a career interest survey (9th) Complete an orientation to the career clusters (9th) Complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping (10th)	✔ Supports baseline component (Identify a career area of interest by the end of 10th grade)	✔ Meets Career-Focused Instructional Sequence 9th/10th grade component
	Select a career pathway (CP) within a career cluster of interest (10th)	✔ Meets baseline component (Identify a career area of interest by the end of 10th grade)	✔ Supports Individualized Plan
	Identify an internship opportunity related to CP (11th)	✔ Supports meeting Career Ready Indicator (Career Development Experience)	✔ Supports meeting Career Ready Indicator (Career Development Experience)
	Obtain an internship opportunity relating to CP (12th)	✔ Meets Career Ready Indicator (Career Development Experience)	✔ Meets Professional Learning 11th/12th grade requirement (career development experiences)
	Complete one or more team-based challenges or projects relating to CP (12th)	N/A	✔ Meets Professional Learning component (At least 2 team-based challenges with adult mentoring)
	Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection	Address any remedial needs in Math/ELA (12th)	✔ Meets Academic Ready Indicators (Transitional ELA/ Math Course Completion)
Meet with a counselor to discuss coursework and postsecondary (PS)/career plans with the ISBE CCRI (9th)		✔ Supports overall planning and preparation to meet the CCRI	✔ Supports Individualized Plan
Begin determining eligibility for AP courses (9th & 10th)		✔ Supports Academic Indicator (ELA/Math AP Courses/ Exams); Supports Career Ready Indicator (Dual Credit Career Pathway Course)	✔ Supports Career-Focused Instructional Sequence 11th/12th grade components (Early College Credit)
Outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans (9th)		✔ Supports Career Ready Indicator (25 hours community service, co-curricular activities)	✔ Supports Individualized Plan
Compare student cumulative GPA, academic, and career indicators to ISBE CCRI (every year)		✔ Supports overall planning and preparation to meet the CCRI	N/A
Determine readiness for college-level coursework in Math/ ELA and enrolled in either "catch-up" or "speed up" course (11th)		✔ Meets Academic Ready Indicators (Transitional ELA/ Math Course Completion)	✔ Meets Academic Competencies (Ready for non-remedial coursework in reading and math by HS graduation)
Complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity (11th)		✔ Meets Academic Indicator (ELA/Math AP Courses/Exams); ✔ Supports Career Ready Indicator (Dual Credit Career Pathway Course)	✔ Meets Career-Focused Instructional Sequence 11th/12th grade components (Early College Credit)



# New Resources on PaCE

# PaCE Implementation Guide

- Only in digital format
  - Available on ISAC's PaCE website
- Provides extensive guidance on adopting and implementing a PaCE Framework




## Illinois PaCE: Resource Materials

Listed below are various resources available for students, families, and educators to support students' efforts in making the most informed decision about college and career planning, beginning in 8th grade and continuing through high school.



### For Educators, Counselors, and Advisors

#### PaCE Information

- **NEW RESOURCE:** [PaCE Implementation Guide](#)  This new resource provides extensive guidance to counselors, school district administrators, and other college-access professionals on best practices for adopting a PaCE Framework, garnering stakeholders' support, developing a plan for implementation, and more.
- [Illinois PaCE Framework](#)  Counselors, advisors, teachers and other educators can use this document to identify what types of experiences and information a student should have in order to make the most informed decisions about college and career planning. Organized from 8th through 12th grade, the Illinois PaCE Framework explains what students should be supported to do and what they should know at the end of each grade relative to three key domains: Career Exploration and Development; Postsecondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection; and, Financial Aid and Literacy.
- [PaCE Framework Template](#)  Counselors, administrators, educators, and other college access professionals can create a customized PaCE Framework using this template as a guide. The template mirrors the layout of the Illinois PaCE Framework and is editable so that users can customize the grade levels and benchmarks, and include a logo and title for their framework. This template can be used to create a formal framework that a school/organization can adopt to guide their college and career readiness efforts.

Samples of customized PaCE frameworks from various Illinois high schools/organizations may be viewed at the [Customized Framework Examples](#) page of this website.

# Components of Illinois PaCE Implementation Guide

- Adopting a PaCE framework
- Building understanding with stakeholders
- Developing a plan for implementation
- Executing the implementation plan
- Best practices for how to build a team of stakeholders



Illinois Postsecondary  
& Career Expectations (PaCE)  
Implementation Guide



# College and Career Readiness Plan Documentation

- New drop -down menu in Gift Assistance Program (GAP) Access – available October 2021
- Menu is in School Demographic section on GAP Access
- Principals can document the high school's college and career readiness efforts
- Selection is shared with ISAC
  - This helps the professional development staff conduct outreach to schools on implementation of an Illinois PaCE Framework or PaCEaligned framework

**Note:** Press save once an option has been selected

# Accessing the Drop-Down Menu

**GAP ACCESS** ISAC Gift Assistance Programs TEST TEST JB Pritzker, Governor, State of Illinois

**School** Administration Programs

**School: Add/Edit School Information**

School Demographics

**Demographic Information**

<b>School Level</b> High School	<b>Address 1</b> 1925 NORTH ROUTE 83	<b>FEIN</b>	<b>Is your school currently implementing/using a college and career readiness plan? (Select one from drop-down menu.)</b> <input type="text"/> Other College and Career Readiness Plan Illinois PaCE Framework Customized PaCE-aligned Framework None
* <b>School Code</b> 142126	<b>Address 2</b>	<b>Phone</b> 1(847)-986-3100	
* <b>School Name</b> GRAYSLAKE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL	<b>City</b> GRAYSLAKE	<b>Email</b>	
<b>School Name Long</b>	* <b>State</b> IL	<b>Fax</b>	
<b>School Type</b>	<b>Zip</b> 60030-0000	<b>Web Site</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IPTIP Indicator	
<b>Highest Degree Granted</b>	<b>US Congressional District</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	
	<b>State Senate District</b>		
	<b>State Representative District</b>		

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- High School Specific Data
- School Contacts
- School Programs
- School Performance

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# PaCE Support



# Illinois PaCEWebsite

- Materials and resources to support PaCE are available online, including:
  - Customized framework examples
  - Descriptions of PaCE support options
  - Implementation support
  - Upcoming webinars

[www.isac.org/pace](http://www.isac.org/pace)

## Illinois PaCE: Postsecondary and Career Expectations

The Illinois PaCE Framework was developed with extensive input gathered from stakeholders and subject matter experts to provide guidance to students, families, and educators on what types of experiences and information a student should have in order to make the most informed decision about college and career planning, beginning in 8th grade and continuing through high school. The framework is organized around three key areas:

- Career Exploration and Development
- Postsecondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection
- Financial Aid and Literacy

It's recognized that high schools and communities provide a broad array of college and career readiness activities for students, but they are not always well documented and/or connected to other initiatives within a school, district, or community. The intent of the PaCE Framework is for it to be an organizing tool to help acknowledge and connect areas of success and identify those that may need additional attention or resources.

While the PaCE Framework has been adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for benchmarking college and readiness for students, there is no state mandate to use the PaCE Framework. For more information on the background on PaCE, please see the section below under History.



# PaCESupport Request Form

- A request form must be submitted for any of the ISAC PaCE Support options
- Available online at [isac.org/pace/pace-request-form](https://isac.org/pace/pace-request-form)
- All PaCE support and training offerings are being held virtually

## PaCE Support Request

To request Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) support, return a completed PaCE Support Request Form no more than six (6) months and no less than four (4) weeks prior to the event. At this time, all support options are being held virtually until further notice.



## PaCE Support Request Form

Event Name: \*

Is this request for virtual or in-person support? \*

Virtual

In-Person

Event Contact \*

First

Last

Title \*

School/Organization \*

School/Organization Address

Street Address \*

City \*

State \*

Zip Code \*

Email \*

Phone Number \*

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# PaCE Implementation Support

- Series of three, one -hour meetings with ISAC and the school/district implementation team
- Work with the implementation team to understand and complete the *Take an Inventory, Prioritize Gaps, and Action Plan* worksheets
- Upon completion of the meetings, the school/district implementation team will be equipped to implement their framework – Illinois PaCE or PaCE-aligned framework

[www.isac.org/pace/pace-support-and-training](http://www.isac.org/pace/pace-support-and-training)

# 2022 Illinois PaCESymposium

- Thursday, April 21, 2022
- Virtual
- One day symposium to learn more about:
  - Strengthening postsecondary readiness efforts
  - Meet educators who have implemented PaCE
  - Share implementation efforts that support students



[www.isac.org/pace/Illinois-PaCE-Symposium/](http://www.isac.org/pace/Illinois-PaCE-Symposium/)

# Upcoming Webinar Opportunities

- PaCE Overview  
3/23/22 at 11:00 a.m.
- PaCE Implementation Leader Training  
4/13/22 at 12:00 p.m.

[www.isac.org/pace/Webinars/](http://www.isac.org/pace/Webinars/)

## Upcoming Webinars

### Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) Webinar Calendar

The calendar below includes information for all upcoming webinars. Select a session on the calendar to register and view other relevant information.

ISAC offers Continuing Education (CE) credits and Professional Development (PD) hours to participants at a rate of one per contact hour. To receive a CE credit, an ISAC evaluation must be completed; to receive PD hours, an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) evaluation must be completed and submitted with an Illinois Educator Identification Number (EIN).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 10 AM PaCE	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2


# Illinois PaCE Student Checklist

- Corresponds with the Illinois PaCE benchmarks
- Written in student -friendly language
- Designed to help students prepare for life after school
- Divided by grade level (8 -12)
- Each grade level includes action items for career, money, and college
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Relationship between Community Service/Extracurricular activities and postsecondary/career goals (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete a unit on education planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Importance of community service and extracurricular activities to postsecondary and career plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to postsecondary plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.isac.org/pace/il-pace-resource-materials](http://www.isac.org/pace/il-pace-resource-materials)

# College Changes Everything (CCE) Campaign

- Mission of the CCE Campaign is to encourage students to complete their college and financial aid applications
  - To participate, schools and organizations:
    - Conduct one college application workshop and
    - One financial aid completion workshop
  - Supports the follow PaCE benchmarks:
    - Attended a FAFSA completion workshop (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Completed the FAFSA (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Complete 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- [www.collegechangeseverything.org/ccemonth](http://www.collegechangeseverything.org/ccemonth)



## Outreach Request Form

To request an ISAC representative for your event, please email this completed Outreach Request Form no more than **six (6)** months and no less than **three (3)** weeks prior to the event to [isac\\_outreach@illinois.edu](mailto:isac_outreach@illinois.edu).

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of staff, students, and parents all outreach events in 2020 will be done virtually until otherwise noted. ISAC staff will work with organizers to determine the optimal virtual platform to be used for the outreach event. Your understanding and flexibility are greatly appreciated.

SECTION I – Event Logistics

Event Date:  Event Time: From:  To:

If first choice for date is not available, please indicate second choice:

Host:

Host Name

Street Address  Building/Room Number

City  State  ZIP Code

Event Contact:

First Name  Last Name

Title  Organization

Area Code & Phone Number & Extension  Email Address (required)

SECTION II – Event Profile

**Outreach Event Type:** (select one) – See following pages for descriptions.

Financial Aid Process Presentation     Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop

If selecting one of the events below, please enter specific event name from descriptions on following pages.

Financial Aid/Literacy event:

Postsecondary Exploration/Preparation event:

Career Exploration event:

**Language** (select one):     English     Spanish

**Anticipated Number of Attendees:**     Under 20     21-30     31-50     Other:

**Audience** (select as many as apply):

Freshmen     Juniors     Sophomores     Seniors     Parents     Professionals/Educators

Younger than high school     Nontraditional students     Adult learners     Other:

College Changes Everything Campaign

Yes! Please have a Corps member contact me so that we can become a College Changes Everything (CCE) site by having a financial aid application and college application workshop between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

# FAFSA Completion Initiative

- ISAC offers the FAFSA Completion Initiative to assist high schools with identifying students who have not completed a FAFSA/Alternative Application, in its Gift Assistance Program (GAP) Access portal
- It's a resource for Illinois high schools to keep track of their students' financial aid application rates
- Ability to track student activity can support compliance with the FAFSA mandate
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Completed the FAFSA (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

<https://www.isac.org/home/fafsa>

# Financial Aid Application Completion Initiative

- Track the FAFSA, Alternative Application, and Opt-out waiver in GAP Access
- Use the ISAC roster for ISBE compliance
- For questions, contact:  
Mary Lewis -  
[Mary.Lewis@Illinois.gov](mailto:Mary.Lewis@Illinois.gov)

<https://www.isac.org/home/fafsa/index.html>

School Administration Programs

FAFSA Completion: Details Graduation Year 2021

School Summary

**Some High School-12345**

Address  
123 Some Street  
Chicago, IL 60000

Phone  
773-123-0000  
Principal  
John Smith

Contact  
Walter Smith  
773-211-0000  
ws@6612.org

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# ISAC Transcript Exchange

- Provides a secure, online process for sharing transcript information for Illinois students
- Service is FREE to Illinois high schools
- To participate or learn more, contact:  
Lenore Smith  
[Lenore.Smith@Illinois.gov](mailto:Lenore.Smith@Illinois.gov)  
(217) 685-2678
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Complete 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## ISAC Transcript Exchange

*Attention Students:* The information on this page describes the process by which Illinois high schools can participate in the ISAC Transcript Exchange. Students who wish to request that their academic transcripts be sent to their prospective college(s) should contact their high school guidance counselor for assistance.



[Overview](#)  
[Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials](#)  
[No Cost](#)  
[Register to Participate](#)

### Overview

The ISAC Transcript Exchange, through [Parchment Exchange](#) enables the electronic exchange of transcript information for Illinois students.

Launched in fall 2011, the service provides the opportunity for students to request that transcripts be sent electronically to the college(s) of their choice. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of transcript data, documents are sent through a secure transcript service in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

### Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials

Click on the below link to hear from some of your school peers on how Parchment has helped them during this challenging time due to COVID-19.

[Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials \(YouTube video\)](#)

### No Cost

The ISAC Transcript Exchange service is free of charge when transcripts are sent electronically to any participating college worldwide, including the NCAA and Common App.

### Register to Participate in ISAC Transcript Exchange

If your high school or district is ready to participate in the ISAC Transcript Exchange, please reach out to Heidi Dodge from Parchment at [hdodge@parchment.com](mailto:hdodge@parchment.com) or 480.719.1646 x1021. She can get you started with the registration process and on your way to sending transcripts electronically.

[www.isac.org/transcript-exchange](http://www.isac.org/transcript-exchange)



# Illinois High School2Career



- Online tool to help students explore their postsecondary and career options with information on:
  - Postsecondary education choices by degree type,
  - Academic area of study, and
  - Career outcomes
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Complete a unit on education planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - One or two career clusters for further exploration and development (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.ilhighschool2career.com](http://www.ilhighschool2career.com)

# Illinois College2Career



- Search tool for Illinois 2 -year and 4 -year institutions with information on:
  - Career Outcomes
  - Costs
  - Financial Aid
  - Graduation Rates
  - Student Debt
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - How career pathway courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at postsecondary options (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry -level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.ilcollege2career.com](http://www.ilcollege2career.com)

# College Scorecard



- Available online and through the myStudentAid app to help students learn about different postsecondary options, including:
  - Cost,
  - Graduation Rate,
  - Majors,
  - Employment outcomes, and more
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Estimated cost of each postsecondary option (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry -level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

[collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov)

# Illinois Postsecondary Profiles

- Online tool to help students explore different postsecondary and career options and can search by:
  - Institution Type
  - Types of Degrees offered
  - Cost
  - Location
  - Career Pathways
  - Career Outcomes

The screenshot displays three interactive search options on a light blue background. Each option is represented by a circular icon with a white border and a 'Click to search data' label. Below each icon is a question in a handwritten-style font, followed by a list of topics to 'Learn about' and an 'Explore' button.

- where could i study?**
  - Learn about:
    - Colleges and universities
    - Degree types
    - Affordability information
    - Institutional Profiles
  - Explore
- what could i do?**
  - Learn about:
    - Career pathways and related majors
    - Employment and salary information
    - Education requirements
    - Professional Profiles
  - Explore
- what about equity?**
  - Learn about:
    - Who attends
    - Who succeeds
    - Diversity at institutions
    - Equity Profiles
  - Explore

[illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com](http://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com)

# Illinois Postsecondary Profiles (continued)









- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Attend a postsecondary options workshop (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete a unit on education planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Visit at least 3 postsecondary institutions (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete an orientation to career clusters (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- One or two career clusters for further exploration and development (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Identify an internship opportunity related to the career pathway (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Estimated cost of each postsecondary option (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry -level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com](http://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com)

# Illinois workNet

- Web platform that provides individuals with career resources, including:
  - Career exploration and preparations
  - Interest profiler
  - Job searching
  - Resume building
  - Skills inventory

## Guides & Tools

 <p><b>Quick Start Guide</b> Use the Quick Start Guide to learn how Illinois workNet can help you achieve your training and career goals!</p>	 <p><b>Service Finder</b> Use this search to find locations near you where staff can assist with your employment and training goals.</p>	 <p><b>Job Skills Guide</b> Make sure you have the skills employers want! When you are searching for a job, it is important to recognize the skills ...</p>	 <p><b>Resume Builder</b> Design, write, and share your resume, practice interviewing and more with the Illinois workNet Resume Building tool.</p>
 <p><b>Youth Resources</b> The Illinois workNet Youth Resources are quick and easy to use. Use this guide to learn how to explore careers, prepare ...</p>	 <p><b>disabilityworks</b> Helping individuals with disabilities achieve their training and employment goals.</p>	 <p><b>Veteran Assistance Guide</b> There are dedicated programs and services for Veterans nationally and in Illinois. Don't miss out on valuable compensati...</p>	 <p><b>Employment 101</b> Determine and set your employment goals with the self-guided tools in Employment 101.</p>

[www.illinoisworknet.com](http://www.illinoisworknet.com)

# Illinois workNet (continued)

- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Complete a career cluster survey (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Concept of career clusters of interests (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete an orientation to career clusters (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - One or two career clusters for further exploration and development (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Revisit career cluster interest survey and take career interest survey (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Select a career pathway within a career cluster of interest (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Revisit the career survey (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Create a resume and personal statement (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Participate in mock job interview (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for career pathway (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Career attributes related to career interests (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - If applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the career pathway (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

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# Internships and Summer Jobs

- Listing of co-op positions, jobs, and internships for students at different Illinois companies across the state
- Exposes students to experiential learning opportunities as they explore different careers
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Attend a career exploration day (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Identify an internship opportunity related to the career pathway (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Obtain an internship opportunity related to the career pathway (12<sup>th</sup> grade)



[www.studentportal.isac.org/jobs](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/jobs)



# Claim Your Future

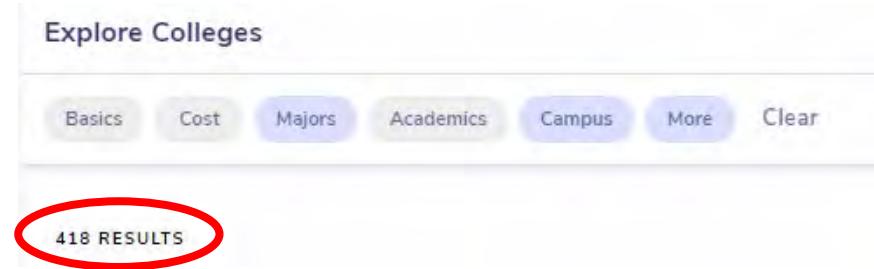
- Financial literacy game that allows students to choose a career and navigate through different spending choices
- Game can be played online or using game kit, which includes careers based on Illinois employment statistics
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete an orientation to career clusters (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.isac.claimyourfuture.com](http://www.isac.claimyourfuture.com)



# Cappex – College Search

- Search for colleges by:
  - Cost
  - Majors
  - Campus and more
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Estimated cost of each postsecondary option (12<sup>th</sup> grade)



[www.Cappex.com/ISAC](http://www.Cappex.com/ISAC)

# Cappex – Scholarship Search

- Search for scholarships by:
  - Grade level
  - First Generation
  - Majors and more
- Supports the following PaCEbenchmarks:
  - Financial aid deadlines for chosen postsecondary options (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.Cappex.com/ISAC](http://www.Cappex.com/ISAC)

The screenshot displays the Cappex website interface. On the left, a navigation sidebar includes options like 'Home', 'Finding a college', 'Paying for school', and 'My student profile'. The 'Find Scholarships' option under 'Paying for school' is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area, titled 'Find Scholarships', shows '239 RESULTS' circled in red. Below this, two scholarship listings are visible: 'Stanislaus Futures Scholarship' with a value of '\$1,000 - \$2,200' and 'Garland & Thelma May Scholarship'. Both listings indicate a deadline of March 11, 2021, and include progress bars for 'Effort to Apply' and 'Competition Level'.

# College Checklist

- Serves as a reminder of the step's students need to take to apply for college and financial aid
- Steps are broken down by grade level
- Some steps may be time sensitive, depending on the grade level
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Complete a unit on education planning (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Met with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the postsecondary admissions process are completed on time (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

The screenshot shows a web interface for a 'Senior Checklist'. At the top, there are four tabs: 'SENIOR', 'JUNIOR', 'SOPHOMORE', and 'FRESHMAN'. The 'SENIOR' tab is selected and highlighted with a red circle. Below the tabs is a blue button labeled 'SAVE PROGRESS' and a printer icon. The main heading is 'Senior Checklist'. Below this, there is a list of six tasks, each with a checkbox and a due date:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete your FAFSA	October/November
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine application requirements for the colleges that interest you	October 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit five to eight applications	November 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review college award letter using interactive ISAC award comparison tool	March & April
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send in college acceptance form or tuition deposit	May 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit housing contract if living on campus - before or at the same time as accepting offer of admission	

[www.studentportal.isac.org/checklist](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/checklist)

# Financial Aid Game

- Tests financial aid knowledge
- Can be divided into groups to work together to answer questions correctly and earn points
- Two levels:
  - Financial Aid 101
  - Advanced Financial Aid
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)

[www.studentportal.isac.org/game](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/game)

FINANCIAL AID 101

ADVANCED FINANCIAL AID

YOUR SCORE

0

## Financial Aid 101

Think you know everything about financial aid? Play to find out! Please click on the "Select School / Save Progress" button to select your school and save scores to the leaderboard.

SELECT SCHOOL / SAVE PROGRESS

200

200

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600

600

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# Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet

- Can compare three financial award letters at a time
- Gives a better understanding of the components within financial aid offers, such as:
  - Cost of Attendance
  - Gift aid
  - Federal work -study and more
- Supports the following PaCE benchmarks:
  - Attend a financial aid award letter workshop (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Estimated cost of each postsecondary option (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

2021-2022 Academic Year  
Add another college to compare award packages.

College A	College B	College C
First year out of pocket cost <b>"16167"*</b>	First year out of pocket cost <b>"7674"*</b>	First year out of pocket cost <b>"2678"*</b>
<small>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</small>	<small>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</small>	<small>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</small>
<small>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</small>	<small>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</small>	<small>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</small>
↑	↑	↑
Cost of Attendance 57352	Cost of Attendance 38859	Cost of Attendance 27363
Gift Aid - 34185	Gift Aid - 24185	Gift Aid - 16685
Federal Work Study - 1500	Federal Work Study - 1500	Federal Work Study - 2500
Student Loan Aid - 5500	Student Loan Aid - 5500	Student Loan Aid - 5500
Remaining Need = 16167	Remaining Need = 7674	Remaining Need = 2678
Parent PLUS Loan -	Parent PLUS Loan -	Parent PLUS Loan -
Out of Pocket Cost = 16167	Out of Pocket Cost = 7674	Out of Pocket Cost = 2678
<a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">DELETE</a>	<a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">DELETE</a>	<a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">DELETE</a>

[www.studentportal.isac.org/finaid](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/finaid)

# Federal Student Aid Estimator

- Uses demographic and income information to help estimate a student's eligibility for federal student aid
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Complete a financial aid assessment with a family member (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

<https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Federal Student Aid website. It includes the logo "Federal Student Aid" with the text "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" below it. To the right are menu items: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS". Further right are links for "Log In" and "Create Account".

The main content area has a dark blue header with the title "Estimate Your Federal Student Aid". Below the title is a paragraph: "Our Federal Student Aid Estimator provides an estimate of what federal student aid you may be eligible to receive. To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form."

Below this is a white box with the heading "Begin Your Estimate for Federal Student Aid". The text inside says: "Before you complete the FAFSA form, the Federal Student Aid Estimator can help you understand your options to pay for college or career school by providing an early estimate of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and eligibility for federal student aid." To the right of this text is a blue "Start" button.

At the bottom of the screenshot are three white boxes with icons: a person icon, a clock icon with "10 minutes" below it, and a checklist icon.

# Monetary Award Program (MAP) Estimator

- Calculator that provides a student's estimated MAP award based on:
  - Expected Family Contribution
  - Dependency status
  - Colleges of Interest
- Can compare three Illinois schools at a time
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Complete a financial aid assessment with a family member (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

## MAP ESTIMATOR

If you're planning on attending an Illinois college, use the MAP Estimator to get an idea of your eligibility for the Illinois Monetary Award Program, or MAP grant.

To use the tool, you'll need your expected family contribution (EFC) -- if you don't already know your EFC, find it by using the [FAFSA4caster](#). If you're a [dependent student](#), you will also need to know your adjusted gross income (AGI) from the most recent tax year, as well as your cash, savings and checking account balances.

My EFC is...

For the purposes of the FAFSA, I am...



I am interested in attending...

Select College Choice	▼
Select College Choice	▼
Select College Choice	▼

GET ESTIMATE

RESET

[www.studentportal.isac.org/mapestimator](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/mapestimator)



# ISACorps

- Near-peer mentoring
  - One-on-one assistance for students and their families
  - College and career exploration
  - Completing financial aid applications
- Presentations and workshops to cover the Illinois PaCE domains
  - Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection
  - Financial Aid and Literacy
  - Career Exploration and Development
- Supports the following PaCE benchmark:
  - Identify 2 -3 adults to support the student through the postsecondary and career selection process

[www.studentportal.isac.org/isacorp](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/isacorp)

# Find Your ISACorps Member



## Find Your ISACorps Member

The ISACorps are here to help you through the college planning process! ISACorps members are recent college graduates from across the state that can help you with the ins and outs of selecting and applying to college, scholarship searches, FAFSA completion, and student financial aid. Meet with your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance or at FREE college fairs and financial aid workshops in your community.

[www.studentportal.isac.org/isacorps](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/isacorps)



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EQUITY FIRST: BUILDING TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE AND REVITALIZING LEARNING

# Corps Presentations

- College is Possible
  - Complete a unit on education planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - The relationship between high school coursework, attendance, and grades to postsecondary plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Welcome to High School
  - Complete a unit on education planning (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Relationship between Community Service/Extracurricular activities and postsecondary/career goals (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - The relationship between high school coursework, attendance and grades to postsecondary plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Importance of community service and extracurricular activities to postsecondary and career plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to postsecondary plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Benefit of early college credit opportunities to postsecondary access and completion (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Corps Presentations (continued)

- College Application Process
  - Importance of community service and extracurricular activities to postsecondary and career plans (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General timing of postsecondary entrance exams and applications (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Entrance requirements including application deadlines for expected postsecondary programs of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- College Application Workshop
  - Complete 3 or more admissions applications to postsecondary institutions (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Corps Presentations (continued)

- College 101
  - Attend a postsecondary options workshop (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for postsecondary program of study (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Affordability of postsecondary options in relation to expected entry -level career salary and anticipated debt (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- All About Scholarships
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Corps Presentations (continued)

- The Financial Aid Process
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Attend a postsecondary affordability workshop with a family member (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Different types of postsecondary credentials and institutions (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop
  - Attended a FAFSA completion workshop (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Completed the FAFSA (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Corps Presentations (continued)

- FSA ID Workshop
  - Completed the FAFSA (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Managing College Costs
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Attend a postsecondary affordability workshop with a family member (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Path of the FAFSA
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - General cost ranges of various postsecondary options (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Attend a financial aid award letter workshop (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Corps Presentations (continued)

- FAFSA FollowUp
  - Complete a financial aid assessment with a family member (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Claim Your Future
  - Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Complete an orientation to career clusters (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10<sup>th</sup> grade)



# Thank You!

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