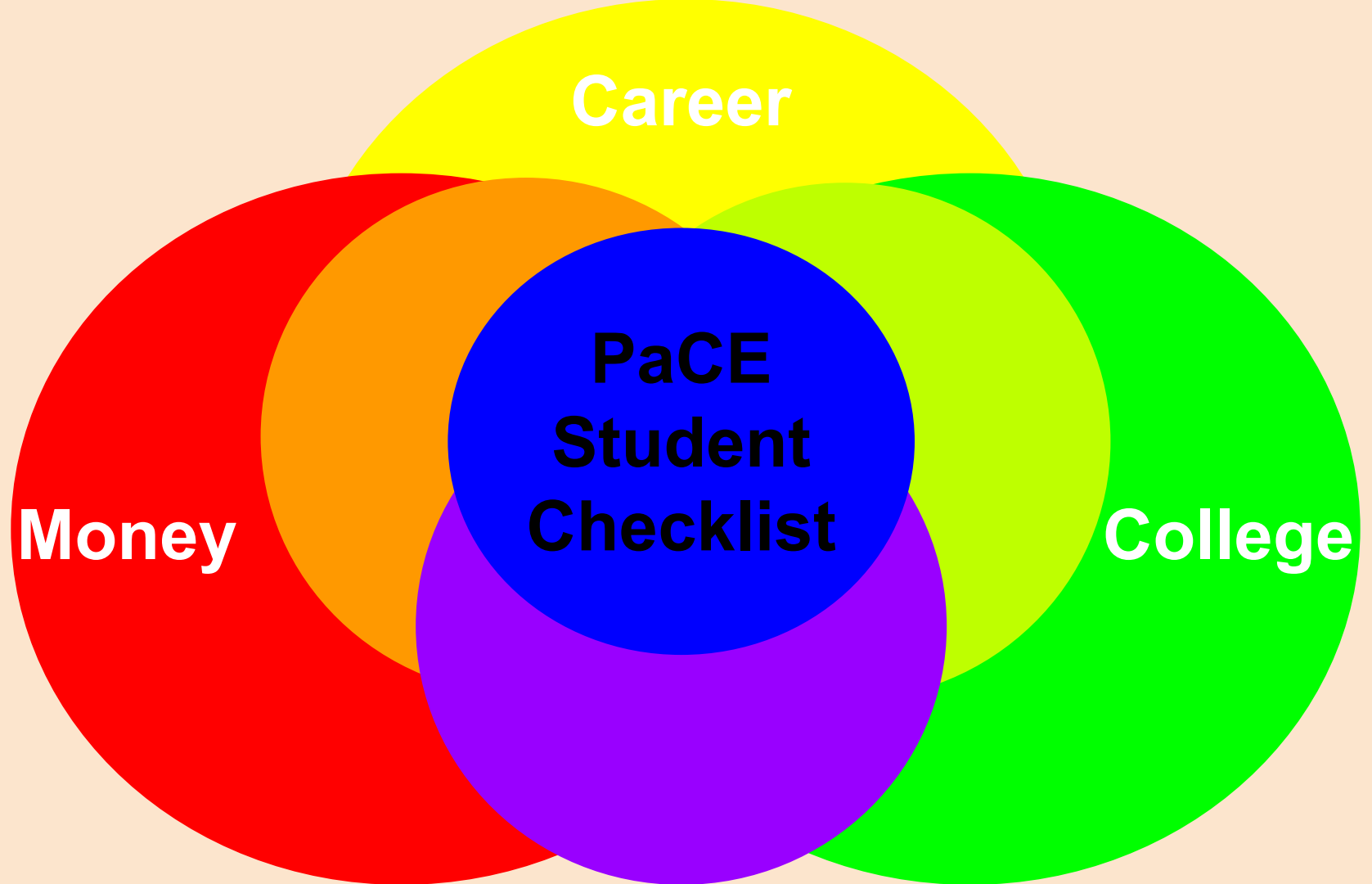




PaCE Student Checklist:

The PaCe Student Checklist is a guide to help high school students prepare for a life after high school. There is specific information for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. It can be used to explore different activities and experiences that can help prepare them for post secondary life.

The 3 Core Ideas:



Career - Career Exploration
and Development



Money - Financial Aid and
Literacy



College - Postsecondary Education
Exploration, Preparation, and Selection

Phases

1st Phase - 9th Grade

2nd Phase - 10th Grade

3rd Phase - 11th Grade

4th Phase - 12th Grade

9th Grade

Main Points:

Career:

- ☐ Complete a career cluster survey and a career interest survey.
- ☐ Explore career clusters.
- ☐ Research 1-2 careers based on survey results.

Money:

- ☐ Attend a college financial aid presentation accompanied by a adult relative.
- ☐ Research the financial costs for postsecondary options to compare and contrast.

College:

- ☐ Talk with your counselor to discuss postsecondary life and opportunities.
- ☐ Attend postsecondary options workshop, course, or presentation.
- ☐ Indulge in different community services and extracurricular activities related to postsecondary life.

10th Grade

Main Points:

Career:

- ☐ Visit a possible place of future employment.
- ☐ Research jobs for salary and requirements.
- ☐ Participate in career-centered activities: (Presentations, and Workshops).

Money:

- ☐ Attend a college financial aid presentation accompanied by a adult relative.

College:

- ☐ Find 2-3 adults to help prepare you for postsecondary life.
- ☐ Research the GPA requirements for colleges and determine what you need to improve on.
- ☐ Research the different degrees and programs offered by colleges.
- ☐ Research the difference between a community college, 4-year university, and trade school.
- ☐ Research the different exams required for acceptance into colleges and universities.

11th Grade

Main Points:

Career:

- ☐ Revisit and retake the career interest survey from 9th grade.
- ☐ To prepare for getting a job, seek out an adult to do a mock interview with you.
- ☐ Build a resume and have it reviewed by an adult.
- ☐ Create a personal statement for college applications and have it reviewed by an adult.

Money:

- ☐ Check postsecondary education websites for their priority deadlines to file a FAFSA or other application, cost, and whether the school accepts financial aid.

College:

- ☐ Determine math and reading classes you need to take before entering college.
- ☐ Talk to your counselor about classes you can take to receive college credit.
- ☐ Research colleges for tour opportunities, scholarships, degrees, programs, and requirements.

12th Grade

Main Points:

Career:

- ☐ Take advantage of a internship or summer job to learn more about your future field.
- ☐ Research industry-based certifications, the requirements to obtain them, and whether your school awards them.
- ☐ Complete a career-focused project with a group of friends.

Money:

- ☐ Complete the FAFSA or other applications with a trusted adult.
- ☐ Speak with your parents about possible colleges, financial aid offers, costs, and future plans.
- ☐ Research the average entry-level salary and debt of postsecondary options.
- ☐ Research loans, the requirements to sustain them, and compare and contrast their features.

College:

- ☐ Apply to 3 or more postsecondary education options.
- ☐ Talk to your counselor to verify that all the steps in the postsecondary process are finished.

ISAC Student Portal Resources:

Scavenge through the ISAC Student Portal to learn more about colleges, careers, scholarships, financial aid, budgeting skills, and more.

