

Regional Office of Education (ROE) #35

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.



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
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize basic profile information (legal name, address, phone numbers, etc.) • Attend career exploration events • Be exposed to employability skills • Participate in resume building skills • Read a paystub • Research postsecondary and tuition options • Understand opportunities to earn postsecondary credit in high school • Understand relationship between grades and attendance in postsecondary choices • Understand criteria to get into college of choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand career clusters and related careers • Compare and contrast strengths and weaknesses with career choice • Research career and labor market information and opportunities • Complete career cluster inventory • Participate in resume building opportunities • Research career prerequisites and opportunities to learn • Understand debt • Understand criteria to apply for scholarships • Create a mock budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a career pathway • Understand business communication (resume, email, etc.) • Attend a career exploration opportunity • Participate in mock interview process • Understand the job application process and terms • Learn professional etiquette • Write a resume • Participate in resume building opportunities • Research career prerequisites and opportunities to learn • Set goals for saving • Understand different banking relationships • Analyze cost effectiveness of career and lifestyle choices • Work a summer and/or part-time job • Select related high school courses to postsecondary plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a job shadowing experience • Revisit career clusters • Ensure coursework aligns with postsecondary option • Visit one or more workplace • Participate in resume building opportunities • Research career prerequisites and opportunities to learn • Understand real cost of postsecondary options • Research and understand different types of financial aid • Speak with recruiters, college representatives and trade representatives • Take at least one college entrance exam • Attend a college fair • Identify postsecondary plans related to interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore internship opportunities • Participate in resume building opportunities • Research career prerequisites and opportunities to learn • Educate parents on financial responsibility • Complete most tax and insurance forms • Apply for grants or scholarships available • Compare and contrast award letters • Complete and understand FAFSA • Plan at least two college visits (related to postsecondary options) • Complete community service opportunities • Earn postsecondary credit • Complete and submit college applications • Connect with a mentor • Identify postsecondary options related to interests
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- Career Exploration and Development
- Financial Aid and Literacy
- Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection