

**Expectations Guide**

**College, Career, and Community Readiness**

Students Will:

**By the End of Grade 8**
- Enrolled in and completed dual credit courses.
- Understand basic FAFSA terminology.
- Understand the importance of creating a college and career personal transition plan.
- Identify rigorous academic course requirements.
- Know where to find available post-secondary programs related to a chosen pathway.
- Know how to make an informed choice of major in the first 30 credits based on skills, interests, and labor market information.

**By the End of Grade 9**
- Enroll and participate in dual credit courses, certificate programs, and other rigorous academic programs related to a chosen pathway.
- Identify and apply to “best fit” post-secondary programs; know how to transfer credits to a post-secondary institution.
- Research the benefits and availability of local, state, federal, and institutional financial aid opportunities.
- Research “best fit” post-secondary institutions and know specific entrance requirements.

**By the End of Grade 10**
- Enroll in dual credit courses.
- Understand entrance requirements and the application process for a career pathway.
- Connect to opportunities connected to post-secondary programs related to a chosen pathway.
- Understand the relationship between rigorous academic programs related to a career pathway.

**By the End of Grade 11**
- Identify specific career opportunities that match their confirmed skills and interests.
- Connect and engage in opportunities connected to identified skills and interests.
- Identify specific skills and salaries connected to career pathways.
- Know available resources to identify job and industry data, and opportunities related to high-demand, livable wage careers.

**By the End of Grade 12**
- Understand how to expand and update a personal career plan after graduation.
- Understand the importance of building professional skills and career experiences that enhance learning.
- Learn the value of employability skills and work-based learning experiences.

Activity Examples:

- Creating a Resume and Personal Statement
- Workplace Tour
- Field Experience
- Classroom Guest Speaker
- Career ... Activities
- Mock Interviews
- Job Shadow
- Informational Interviews
- Project Presentations to Industry Professionals

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Community Readiness Benchmarks in development

School-Industry Projects
- Industry/Career Visits to Businesses
- Earning an Industry-Recognized Certification
- School-Based Commercial Enterprise
- Apprenticeships
- Service-Learning
- Community Service Projects

ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

- Transition plan
  - Understand the importance of expanding and updating a personal career plan after graduation
  - How to incorporate career goal setting, work-based learning experiences, and academic achievement within a personal transition plan

- Professional career development
  - Know the process to budget lifestyle and explore career advancement costs
  - Understand specific job requirements and related to high-demand, liveable wage careers
  - Identify specific career opportunities that match their confirmed skills and interests

- Advanced work-based learning experiences
  - Engage in advanced work-based learning experiences that enhance professional career knowledge

- Financial planning and management
  - Know the process to budget lifestyle and explore career advancement costs
  - Understand specific skills and salaries connected to career pathways
  - Know available resources to identify job and industry data, and opportunities related to high-demand, livable wage careers
  - Identify specific career opportunities that match their confirmed skills and interests

- College and career transition planning
  - Create a college and career personal transition plan
  - Understand the relationship between academic preparation & college pathways to post-secondary degree programs
  - Identify and apply to "best fit" post-secondary programs; know how to transfer credits to a post-secondary institution
  - Research the benefits and availability of local, state, federal, and institutional financial aid opportunities
  - Understand entrance requirements and the application process for a career pathway
  - Examine career pathways related to post-secondary degree programs; know how to transfer credits to a post-secondary institution