



**Are You Ready for Graduation Pathways?
Employability Skills, Compliance and Innovation**
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Graduation Pathways:

Employability Skills, Compliance and Innovation

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Graduation Pathways



- 1 Credits
- 2 Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills
- 3 Postsecondary-Ready Competencies



Overview

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Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills



INDIANA
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

INDIANA'S EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS BENCHMARKS

MINDSETS

Intellectual Risk Taking - Develops a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being; understands that life-long learning are necessary for long-term career success; willingness to work and learn and continually apply new knowledge

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Written Communication - Applies reading, writing, math and scientific principals and procedures

Decision Making - Utilizes critical thinking skills to make informed decisions based on options, rewards, risks, limits and goals



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Overview

2 Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

Project-Based

Service-Based

Work-Based

Experience + Student Work Product



Employability Skills

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Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

What is the work product that is required?

- Examples include but are not limited to: presentation, letter of recommendation, letter of employment verification, resume, reflection of experience, etc.

When can these experiences begin?

- Anytime between July 1 prior to freshman year through September 30 prior to submission of the Graduate Report
- Can be during the school day, after school, during breaks, etc.



Employability Skills

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Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

How long do they have to last?

- There is not a set number of hours for an Employability Skills experience
- Schools and districts must ensure the experience has quality, scope, and value for the student

How do schools validate completion of this requirement?

- By evaluating the student's product and tracking the completion of the experience on the student's transcript or through the school's Student Information System (SIS).



Employability Skills

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Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

How do I know if my experience satisfies the requirements?

- Each experience must be aligned to a specific set of design principles listed in the [Policy Guidance Document](#).

Can courses be used to satisfy this requirement?

- In the Policy Guidance document, courses lending themselves to executing the design principles of each experience are listed, though completion of the courses alone does not fulfill this requirement.
- However, these experiences are not limited to these courses alone. If a student's experience or a course curriculum aligns with the design principles of any of the employability skills experiences, then that experience will qualify for this requirement.



Employability Skills

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Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

- Courses
- Part-time employment
- School-based enterprises
- Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Athletics
- After school programs (i.e., Marching Band)



Employability Skills

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Learn & Demonstrate
Employability Skills



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Implementation Resources



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Implementation of Graduation Guidelines

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Graduation Guidelines

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GRADUATION GUIDELINES | FACT SHEET

Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstrations



Local school boards establish high school graduation requirements that meet or exceed the Colorado Graduation Guidelines for the graduating class of 2021.

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ACT

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18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math

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ACT WorkKeys – National Career Readiness Certificate

ENGLISH	MATH
Bronze or higher	Bronze or higher

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Advanced Placement

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District Guidance: www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduationguidelines

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International Baccalaureate (IB)

ENGLISH	MATH
4	4

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SAT: Scores updated for new SAT (2016)

ENGLISH	MATH
470	500

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Collaboratively developed, standards-based performance assessment

ENGLISH	MATH
State-wide scoring criteria	State-wide scoring criteria

(In development)



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Timeline for implementation





ICAP- Meaningful Career Conversations



ICAP - Individual Career and Academic Plan - is:

- A **foundational tool** that gives students ownership of the process that helps them explore their unique talents and aspirations, participate in career and postsecondary options, and create pathways to financial success after high school.

Explore

Experience

Engage

Excel

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/icap>





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Traditional Assessments and Demonstrations

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Four main categories with skills embedded

1. Personal Skills (self-awareness, personal responsibility, resilience, etc.)
2. Entrepreneurial skills (critical thinking, creativity, informed risk taking, etc.)
3. Civic/Interpersonal Skills (collaboration, communication, civic engagement, character)
4. Professional skills (time management, career awareness, financial literacy, etc.)



Early learnings

- Fear changing to excitement re: flexibility
- Different communities = different needs
- Lack of understanding of district-determined items
- Need for sharing of promising practices
- Need to remind stakeholders consistently of connections to ICAP and Essential Skills



PWR Symposia & Front Range Graduation Guidelines Committee



Locations of PWR symposia

Members-Front Range Graduation Guidelines Committee





Promising practices

Multiple pathways for students increase across the state

- Concurrent enrollment expansion
 - Since 2012, Concurrent Enrollment participation has increased from 19% of all students (grades 9-12) to 35%
- Industry certificate attainment
 - Commitment to work-based learning and career development
 - Additional funding to support expansion- [Career Development Incentive Program](#)
- Robust work in development of capstone projects- continuum
 - Gunnison School District → Roaring Fork School District
- [Essential skills](#) embedded in newly-revised Colorado Academic Standards



CareerWise Colorado
TOMORROW'S TALENT TODAY

AN INTERMEDIARY MODEL FOR
MODERN YOUTH
APPRENTICESHIP



BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION & CAREER

CareerWise Colorado connects industry and education to create a statewide, modern youth-apprenticeship system.



Apprentices earn a wage while gaining valuable workplace experience, a nationally recognized industry certification and debt-free college credit.

APPRENTICE



Industry benefits from tangible financial ROI as it makes the shift from being consumers of talent to producers of talent.

BUSINESS

EDUCATION



K-12 and higher education institutions improve student outcomes with increased student engagement and attendance, graduation rates and college-credit attainment.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

CAREERWISE APPRENTICES SPLIT TIME BETWEEN SCHOOL, TRAINING CENTERS, AND WORK ON A SCHEDULE THAT WORKS FOR STUDENTS AND BUSINESSES

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
 AT HIGH SCHOOL Core academic courses at school (e.g., math), some community college coursework	~3 days a week	~2 days a week	NA
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SIX CAREER PATHWAYS and 16 occupations

PATHWAY	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING 	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 	FINANCIAL SERVICES 	BUSINESS OPERATIONS 	HEALTHCARE 	EDUCATION (Pilot in 2019) 
SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS	Production technician Quality control inspector Maintenance technician Logistics	Computer Technician Software QA Tester Junior Coder  University of Colorado Denver	Accounting Clerk Insurance Services Expert Financial Coordinator Customer Support	Project Coordinator Purchasing Coordinator Operations Specialist 	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Paraprofessional to Licensed Teacher
SAMPLE EMPLOYERS	  	   	  Now part of Plante Moran 	  	  	 Dedicated to Excellence Cherry Creek Schools



AFTER APPRENTICESHIP

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Student signs on as a full-time **EMPLOYEE**



Student continues **EDUCATION** with 2- or 4-year degree

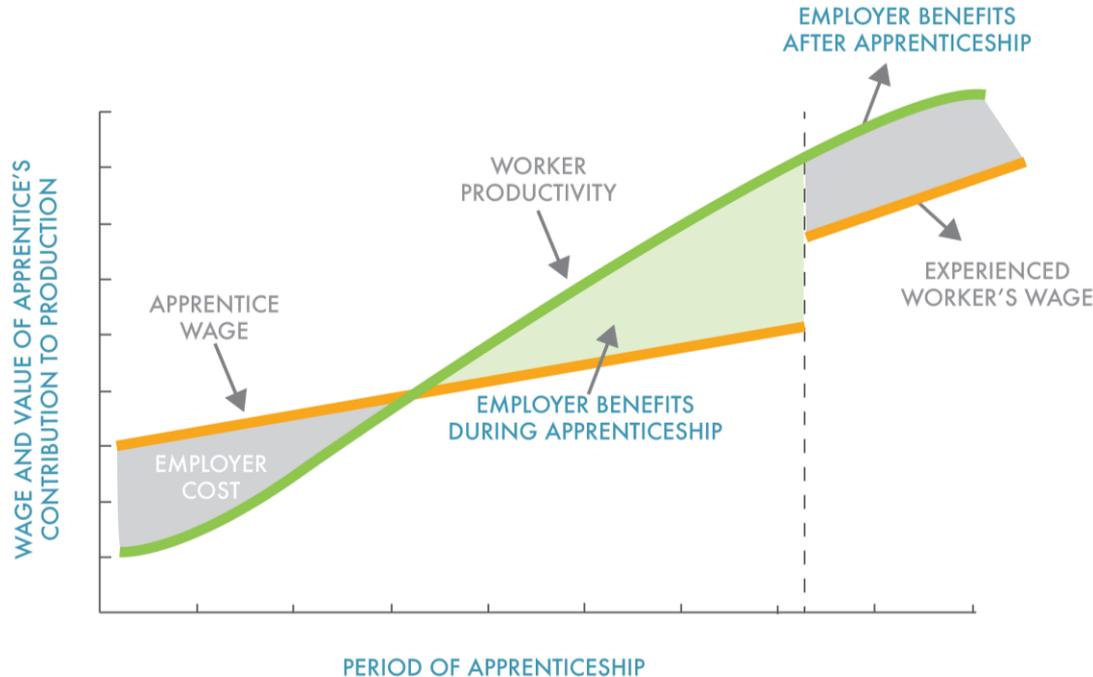
...or **Both!**



COMPANIES ARE PROJECTED TO EARN
POSITIVE ROI
ON APPRENTICE WORK

Swiss firms saw an ROI of **10%**
during the training period, and
additional ROI once apprentices
became full-time employees.

ILLUSTRATIVE WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY, RELATIVE TO STANDARD FTE



EXPECTED IMPACT

Business

- Pipeline of 21st century workers
- Positive ROI
- Reduction in hiring costs
- Increased retention
- Loyal, engaged employees
- Increased innovation

Apprentice

- Skills and exposure
- Debt-free college credit
- Valued industry credential
- Established professional network
- ~\$30K earnings over course of apprenticeship

CAREERWISE COORDINATES STAKEHOLDERS

TO BUILD A STATEWIDE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM THAT'S SET UP FOR TOTAL SUCCESS

EMPLOYERS

- Recruit participating employers
- Support ID of workforce needs and occupation selection
- Provide HR and interview support
- Support job posting development
- Host online marketplace for apprenticeship applications
- Train supervisors & coaches
- Provide occupation-specific training plans & facilitate process to select training provider(s)
- Provide dedicated relationship manager

K-12 & HIGHER ED

- Provide quality framework and onboarding tools
- Train counselors, teachers and leaders
- Support recruitment & communication plans
- Provide access to career exploration tools & assessments
- Provide resume and cover letter templates
- Support partners with scheduling and budgeting
- Support standards mapping for credit accrual

APPRENTICE

- Offer informational events and materials
- Provide application sessions, including resume training
- Host online apprenticeship marketplace for apprenticeship applications
- Run professionalism bootcamp
- Provide on the job coaching support
- Offer single point of contact through CareerWise relationship manager
- Track competency achievement through LMS

NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL PLAYERS

- Liaise with state agencies to align system incentives and address barriers
- Identify policy changes required
- Partner with BEL Commission
- Provide community readiness framework and application to support geographic expansion
- Operate a community partnership model for interested communities across the state
- Provide tools and resources to other states interested in work



PROGRAM PROGRESS



2017

116 ENROLLED APPRENTICES	40 EMPLOYERS
4 PATHWAYS	10 TRAINING PLANS
3 COMMUNITIES	4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS	8 HIGHER ED PARTNERS

2018

240 ENROLLED APPRENTICES	70 EMPLOYERS
5 PATHWAYS	12 TRAINING PLANS
4 COMMUNITIES	7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS	8 HIGHER ED PARTNERS

2019

450
ENROLLED APPRENTICES

125+
EMPLOYERS

7 PATHWAYS
Adv Mfg, IT, Biz Ops,
Financial Services,
Healthcare,
Education, Culinary
Arts

14+
OCCUPATIONAL
TRAINING PLANS

5 COMMUNITIES
Front Range,
Western Slope,
Northern Colo., Eagle
County, Estes Park

10 SCHOOL
DISTRICTS
Cherry Creek, DPS, Eagle County,
Estes Park, Jeffco, Mesa 51, Poudre,
Thompson, Westminster, Weld RE-4

50
PARTICIPATING
SCHOOLS

9 HIGHER ED
PARTNERS



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April 24: Fighting Childhood Obesity –
One Child, One School and One
Community at a Time

Save the Date!

2019 College & Career Conference

June 5-6, 2019

Register online by **May 29th**.
New this year: **One-day options!**

*Sessions will include:

- Graduation Pathways (1/2-day session with Ben Carter)
- Helping Students Pave Their Postsecondary Path with Career Development and Advisement Strategies
- Legislative updates
- Power of the IndianaCareerExplorer.com
- Many workshops on social emotional health
- Self-care workshop with Dr. Gail Gorke!

	College & Career Access and Success
	Financial Readiness and Success
	Employability Skills and Education to Workforce Alignment
	Social Emotional Readiness
	Academic Readiness and Success
	Collective Impact and Collaboration
	Equity and Success for ALL Youth



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