

Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success

The Board believes that to decrease student dropout rates, increase graduation rates and encourage all students to reach their learning potential, it is important to support students in planning for postsecondary and workforce opportunities throughout their education. To promote students' postsecondary and workforce success and in accordance with state law, the district shall provide the following opportunities and information.

Beginning in 6th grade and continuing through 12th, each student will register with the state-provided, free online college planning and preparation resource, commonly referred to as "College In Colorado." This system will assist with building a student's Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP).

Each secondary school will provide information to the parents/transitioning into high school and the graduation guidelines put forth by Pueblo City Schools to earn a high school diploma.

District personnel in grades 6-12 shall assist students to develop and maintain individual career and academic plans (ICAP) in accordance with the requirements of state law. Each student's ICAP will be designed to assist the student and the student's parent/guardian with the following:

- high school transition and PCS graduation requirements
- exploring the postsecondary career and educational opportunities available to the student;
- aligning coursework and curriculum;
- setting performance expectations;
- meeting academic and career goals;
- applying to postsecondary education institutions;
- enabling the student to demonstrate postsecondary and workforce readiness prior to or upon high school graduation;
- securing financial aid; and
- ultimately entering the workforce.

The district's plan for the development and implementation of student ICAPs shall be in accordance with this policy's accompanying regulation.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(ff) (*notice of courses that satisfy higher education admission guidelines*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(oo) (*board duty to adopt policy requiring individual career and academic planning for students no later than the beginning of ninth grade*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.5 (4) (*district may administer "basic skills" placement or assessment tests to determine postsecondary and workforce readiness; if such test is administered, score shall be included on student's ICAP*)
1 CCR 301-81 (*rules governing standards for individual career and academic plans*)

CROSS REFS.: IHEDA, Concurrent Enrollment
IKF, Graduation Requirements



Policy and Procedures

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