

Colorado ICAP Guideways

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Background

Colorado is building seven Guideways for grades 6 to 12 to help students fulfill the requirements of the ICAP activities set by default in CollegelInColorado.org.

These Guideways were designed to be relatively short and to cover many of the portfolio field groups that are found on the ICAP portfolio page. To keep them short, there is not a lot of repetition in these Guideways. Students will be exposed to components of the system and portfolio that they can return to again on their own.

Proposed Guideways and steps:

6th Grade

Step	
1	Career-o-Matic
2	Career Finder using School Subjects characteristic
3	The Career Key
4	Portfolio > Your Profile > Looking Ahead > A Picture of Me in the Future [Just the top half—postsecondary planning factors (bottom half) is done in 7 th grade.]
5	Create Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – define and add annual benchmarks

7th Grade

Step	
1	Career Cluster Survey – then save careers of interest
2	Explore Career Clusters
3	Focus Career Cluster
4	Portfolio > Your Profile > Experiences and Activities > Job Shadowing
5	Explore programs/majors by Career Cluster or Career Pathway
6	Portfolio > Your Profile > A Picture of Me in the Future (Postsecondary Planning Factors) [The bottom half of this portfolio field group]
7	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
8	Portfolio > Your Profile > How You See Yourself > Self Knowledge



8th Grade

Step	
1	Portfolio > Financial Aid Planning > Early Achievers Scholarship [Step introduction text should encourage application.]
2	Portfolio > High School Planning > Early college access programs [Step introduction text will describe (in general terms) early college access programs, how they work, and their benefits. State that portfolio entries made at this time will be for programs that you intend to take. Come back later and add information about your experience.]
3	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
4	Link to HEAR web page (http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Admissions/coursecompletion.html). Instructions for students to get their intended high school's course catalog.
5	Your Plan of Study – create grades 9 – 12 academic course plan
6	High School Transition Plan – complete portfolio field group
7	Parent review and approval [Invite parent to connect to portfolio.]
8	Annual reflection

9th Grade

Step	
1	Interest Profiler
2	Career Finder to Explore Careers using interests and school subjects (save three)
3	Portfolio > Career Planning > Career Plans > Saved Careers – add notes
4	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
5	Scholarship Finder – saved scholarships
7	Your Plan of Study - post 9 th grade grades/credits, update plan for grades 10 to 12
8	Parent review
9	Annual reflection

10th Grade

Step	
1	Connections from careers to programs – save three programs
2	Portfolio > High School Planning > Planning for My Goals
3	Compare Schools (CO schools by default) [Prompt text discusses using the profiles to research and compare the schools.]
4	Portfolio > Your Profile > Experiences and Activities > Extracurricular Activities
5	Portfolio > Your Profile > Experiences and Activities > Community Service and Service Learning



6	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
7	Your Plan of Study – post 10 th grade grades/credits, update plan for grades 11 and 12
8	Parent review
9	Annual reflection

11th Grade

Step	
1	Portfolio > Career Planning > Work Experience > Work Experiences
2	Resume Builder
3	School Finder -- save schools
4	Scholarship Finder – save scholarships
5	Portfolio > Financial Aid Planning > College Opportunity Fund [Step introduction text should encourage application]
6	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
7	ACT Test Prep
8	Portfolio > College Planning > Test Scores
9	Your Plan of Study – post 11 th grades/credits, update plan for 12 th grade
10	Parent review
11	Annual reflection

12th Grade

Step	
1	Portfolio > Your Profile > Experiences and Activities > Leadership experiences
2	Portfolio > Financial Aid Planning > Components of My Financial Aid Plan
3	Portfolio > College Planning > Postsecondary Plans > College Applications
4	Article→Financial Aid 101→FAFSA is Key!
5	Portfolio > Financial Aid Planning > FAFSA
6	Portfolio > College Planning > Postsecondary Plans > After High School Transition Plan
7	Update Postsecondary and Workforce Goal – add annual benchmarks
8	Portfolio > College Planning > Postsecondary Plans > My Intent to Register
9	Your Plan of Study – post 12 th grades/credits
10	Parent review
11	Annual reflection

