

## College In Colorado Curriculum Outline

This document describes the outcomes for CollegeInColorado.org use for each grade level beginning in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continuing through 12<sup>th</sup>. Under each outcome are a number of activities to accomplish on the Web site as well as suggestions of when and how to include additional resources available from College In Colorado or other reliable online resources.

Each outcome offers “Essential Components” – activities we consider essential to an understanding of the topic – as well as those that are recommended if time is available named “Recommended Components.” We have also estimated how much time it may take to complete the activity with students.

The plan assumes that students begin in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continue the curriculum in each grade. Students that have not had this exposure should complete the Basic Components from prior years in addition to those for their current grade level.

Finally, we have included a “Professional Tools” section at the end of each grade for education professionals to use. Note that the outcomes and activities are coordinated with the training manual you received for your full-day training.

Grade 8 <i>Exploration</i>	Grade 9 <i>Self Awareness &amp; Exploration</i>	Grade 10 <i>Connect Yourself to Post Secondary Opportunities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Create an Account</li> <li>Ø Create &amp; Utilize an Email Account *</li> <li>Ø Identify Individual Interests</li> <li>Ø Explore Careers</li> <li>Ø Understand the connection between interests &amp; careers</li> <li>Ø Develop a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Success Plan *</li>   <li>Ø Relate the importance of academic subjects to careers</li> <li>Ø Financial Planning</li> <li>Ø Participate in Community Service Required for Many Colleges, &amp; Scholarships</li> <li>Ø Ask the on-line mentor</li>   <li>Ø College in Colorado Scholarship – Sign-up</li> <li>Ø Sign up for COF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Review &amp; Update Portfolio Account - Develop a 4 year HS plan (MyCAP)</li> <li>Ø Explore educational training requirements</li> <li>Ø Create a career plan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relate Skills to career interests *</li> <li>○ Review and update and/or identify career interests</li> </ul> </li>   <li>Ø Research the Labor Market</li> <li>Ø Introduction to Financial Planning</li> <li>Ø Participate in or initiate Community Service Required for Many Colleges, &amp; Scholarships</li> <li>Ø Ask the on-line mentor</li>   <li>Ø College in Colorado Scholarship – Sign-up</li> <li>Ø Sign up for COF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Review &amp; Update MyCAP                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review &amp; refine career plan</li> <li>○ Review careers that match current interests and values</li> <li>○ Connect careers to post-secondary options</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ø Start post-secondary planning                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exploring college majors</li> <li>○ Visit colleges ( On-site or Virtual)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>Ø Identify Work Values</li> <li>Ø Introduction to Financial Planning</li> <li>Ø Participate in a job shadow</li> <li>Ø Continue community service/volunteer</li> <li>Ø Explore part-time work or internships</li>   <li>Ø Sign up for COF</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 11 <i>Choose a Path</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 12 <i>Put MyCAP into Action</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø <b>Review &amp; Update MyCAP</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Revisit careers that match i nterests &amp; values</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Review &amp; refine postsecondary plans</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Create or up date personal resume</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Build interviewing skills</b></li>   <li>Ø <i>Explore Post-secondary financial planning</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Explore Extr a Curricu lar &amp; recreatio n activities</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Continue commu nity service/volu nteer</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Explore part-time work or internships</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Practice filli ng out job &amp; college a pplications</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Participate in a job shadow</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Explore part-time work or internships</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø <b>Review &amp; Update MyCAP</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Update &amp; refine pe rsonal resume</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Apply and finalize Financial A id</b></li> <li>Ø <b>Fill out col lege &amp; job app lications</b></li>   <li>Ø <i>Explore Extr a Curricu lar &amp; recreatio n activities</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Continue commu nity service/volu nteer</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Explore part-time work or internships</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Participate in a job shadow</i></li> <li>Ø <i>Explore part-time work or internships</i></li> </ul>

Submit all college application materials  
 Complete the FAFSA  
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 Final Preparation to Graduate and Matriculate

**R = Required component (DPS)**

**F = Add to folder component**

**P = Add to portfolio**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outcomes:**

**8.1 Create account/portfolio, understand utilities available**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	8.1.a	Create a Colorado Account	<b>R</b>	Home/Create An Account
	8.1.b	Help and Resources System		Home/Help
	8.1.c	E-Mail Engine	<b>R</b>	Home/My Account/E-Mail
	8.1.d	Add an Advisor		Home/Plan/Add An Advisor
B	8.1.e	Create a Portfolio	<b>R</b>	Home/Explore Career Options/Choices Explorer/Access Explorer
	8.1.f	Review Planning Timelines		Home/Plan/College Planning Timelines

**8.2 Identify Areas of Interest**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	8.2.a	Career Quick Quiz	<b>PFR</b>	Home/Explore Career Options/Choices Explorer/Access Explorer/Start with a quick quiz
B	8.2.b	Choose a Career Zone	<b>R</b>	...Explorer/Find Other Ways to Explore Careers (Work Tab)/Career Zones & ...and More
	8.2.c	Other quick career lookups	<b>R</b>	Home/Plan/Explore Career Options/Quick Career Lookups and ...Explorer
B	8.2.d	Your School Subjects	<b>R</b>	...Explorer/Work Tab/Your School Subjects
	8.2.e	Recreation		...Explorer/Life Tab
	8.2.f	Have Fun – Get Involved		...Explorer/Home

### 8.3 Explore Careers

		Activity		Navigation
B	8.3.a	Choose 5 careers of interest	R	...Explorer/Work Tab/Career Zones/Careers/What they Do
	8.3.b	Career Blogs to read		...Explorer/Work tab/Word on the Street

### 8.4 Higher Education Opportunities and Requirements

		Activity		Navigation
B	8.4.a	Understand post-secondary options		Home/Plan/Higher Education Opportunities and Requirements
B	8.4.b	Review recommended education level for careers		...Explorer/Navigate to each career of interest/Education Tab
	8.4.c	Virtual tour each type		Home/Apply/Campus Tours/Left Menu/select school and Home/Plan/Higher Ed Opportunities and Requirements/Occupational and Technical Schools

### 8.5 Plan 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

		Activity		Navigation
B	8.5.a	Choose “pathway” to review 9 <sup>th</sup> grade courses	<b>FR</b>	...Explorer/Learn tab/High School Planning
B	8.5.b	Graduation requirements	<b>FR</b>	Discuss high school graduation requirements
B	8.5.c	Opportunities for rigor/C TE		Discuss opportunities in high school for C TE and AP, IB, pre-collegiate assistance etc.
	8.5.d	Study skills, interest in academics		...Explorer/Learn tab/High School/Succeeding in High School/Homework Helper resources
B	8.5.e	Create 9 <sup>th</sup> grade plan	<b>FR</b>	Home/Plan/High School Coursework Planner/Begin/Grade Level View
	8.5.f	Schedule Lance Carl		Request Lance Carl, College In Colorado motivational speaker, to speak at a student event

### 8.6 Begin Financial Planning

		Activity		Navigation
B	8.6.a	Discuss and apply for Early Achiever Scholarship		Home/Early Achiever Scholarship
	8.6.b	529 Savings Plans		Home/Pay/Before I Go/Saving
	8.6.c	Parent Financial Aid Night;		Schedule Financial Aid night with CollegeInvest

		tax benefits, savings, opportunities		
	8.6.d	Review scholarship search engines and requirements		Home/Pay/ When I Go/Scholarships

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Outcomes:**

### **9.1 Continue to explore career interests**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	9.1.a	Career Cluster Survey	<b>R</b>	...Planner/???
	9.1.b	Career Matching	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Interest Prof iler/See careers that match your interests
	9.1.c	Career Zones and Clusters	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Work tab/select by zone or Career Clusters
	9.1.d	Select careers	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Navigate to careers of interest/Pick 5

### **9.2 Work on “soft” skills**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	9.2.a	Homework		...Explorer/Learn tab/High School/Succeeding in High School
	9.2.b	Teamwork		...Explorer/Skills Center/Dealing with Difficult Co-Workers
	9.2.c	Leadership		
	9.2.d	Financial Literacy		Home/Plan/College Planning Timelines/Middle School/Show me the Future
	9.2.e	Life skills		

### **9.3 Understand Graduation and College Entrance Requirements**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	9.3.a	Graduation requirements	<b>FR</b>	Discuss high school graduation requirements
B	9.3.b	Understand Higher Education Admission Requirements	<b>FR</b>	Home/Plan/Program Alternatives/Higher Education Opportunities and Requirements
B	9.3.c	NCAA Requirements		Home/Plan/Program Alternatives/Higher Education Opportunities and Requirements/National Collegiate Athletic Association
	9.3.d	Admissions Eligibility Index		Home/Plan/Program Alternatives/Admissions Eligibility Index
	9.4.e	Virtual tour each type for		Home/Apply/Campus Tours/Left Menu/select school and

		admissions requirements		Home/Plan/Higher Ed Opportunities and Requirements/Occupational and Technical Schools
	9.3.f	ACT/SAT Test Score Requirements		<a href="http://www.actstudent.org/">http://www.actstudent.org/</a> and <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student</a>
	9.3.g	Summarize		Summarize your high school graduation and college admissions requirements, GPA and test score expectations

#### 9.4 Develop high school academic plan

		Activity		Navigation
B	9.3.b	Career to What to Learn while in High School		...Planner/Navigate to each of 5 careers of interest/What to Learn tab, Pathway selection based on common pathway
B	9.4.a	Choose “pathway” to review 9-12 grade courses	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Learn tab/High School Planning /Career Pathways (select)/All Grades
B	9.4.b	Opportunities for rigor/CTE		Discuss opportunities in high school for CTE and AP, IB, pre-collegiate assistance etc.
	9.4.d	Create 10-12 <sup>th</sup> grade plan		Home/Plan/High School Coursework Planner/Begin/Grade Level View plus printed folder materials
B	9.4.e	Double-check plan for all requirements	<b>R</b>	Home/Plan/High School Coursework Planner/Select College(s)/Summary and printed materials from career plans, graduation requirements, higher education admission requirements if applicable

#### 9.5 Understand college and financial aid opportunities

		Activity		Navigation
B	9.5.a	College Opportunity Fund		Home/College Opportunity Fund tab
	9.5.b	Explore Merit- and Need-based Aid		Home/Pay/Before I Go/Financial Aid Opportunities/Scholarships, Grants, Loans
	9.5.c	Parent Financial Aid Night; tax benefits, savings, opportunities		Schedule Financial Aid night with CollegeInvest
	9.5.c	Review Planning Timeline		Home/Plan tab/College Planning Timelines/Grade 9

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Outcome s

### 10.1 Modify career in terests as necessary, update HS academic pl an

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	10.1.a	Identify Work Va lues	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Work Va lues Sorter
	10.1.b	Interest Profi ler	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Interest Prof iler
		Compare 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> grade career choic es to results of 10.a & 10.b	<b>R</b>	Guided exercise
	10.1.c	Matching Ass istant	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Career Finder
	10.1.d	Narrow to 5 careers to pr int	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Portfolio/Pick 5 to print
	10.1.e	Update Hi gh School coursework plan	<b>R</b>	Home/Plan/High School Coursework Planner: update plan with changes necessary as a result of career pre ference changes, ad d grades for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade if not previously recorded

### 10.2 Connect careers to college ma jors and colleges of interest

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	10.2.a	Explore Programs and Majors	<b>R</b>	...Planner/Learn tab/Programs and Majors/save programs of interest
	10.2.b	Review college program suggestions for (5 ) careers		...Planner/Portfolio/Things You Saved /Careers You Add to Portfolio/cl ick on career/What to Learn/Beyond High School
	10.2.g	Research schools that offer desired programs		...Planner/Portfolio/Programs You Added to Portfolio/Select prog ram then change drop-down list to “all schools”/ click Go; add scho ols to portfolio Home/Plan Tab/Explore Caree r Options/Quick Ca reer Lookups/Technical and Occupational Careers and Scho ols, Career Lists; alphabetica l; record schools of interest ...Planner/Learn Tab/School Finder /Programs offered
	10.2.h	Begin to Explore Col leges	<b>R</b>	Home/Apply tab/Virtual Campus Tours for in-state public schools ...Planner/Learn/Find Schools by.../Alphabetical list (out-of-state)

### 10.3 Skills development and identify internship /service learning opportunities

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
B	10.3.a	Workplace Skills Checklist		...Planner/Work tab/Workplace Skills checklist
	10.3.b	Transferable Skills Checklist		...Planner/Work tab/Transferable Skills checklist
	10.3.c	Basic Skills		...Planner/Basic Skills Survey
	10.3.d	Skills you Need		...Planner/Navigate to 5 careers of interest/Skills You Need Tab
	10.3.e	Compare Checklists to Skills Needed for Careers		...Explorer/Skills Center/How to Build 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills Guided exercise
	10.3.f	Research Job Shadowing, Internships		Home/Plan tab/Explore Career Options/Hands-on Career Exploration ...Planner/Work tab/navigate to career/Connections ...Planner/Career Finder/Apprenticeships/See Your Matching Careers ...Explorer/Work Tab/Going to Work/Apprenticeships and Featured Advice ...Explorer/School to Work articles/How to Arrange a Job Shadow, How to Research a Company, Mastering (Parent Resources and Professional Tools)
	10.3.g	Volunteering		Home/Plan tab/Explore Career Options/Hands-on Career Exploration/Volunteer Work ...Explorer/Life tab/Volunteering ...Explorer/Life tab/Volunteering/Gain Job Skills by Volunteering
	10.3.h	Create Skills acquisition plan and timeline		Guided exercise – we provide resource leads on External links: Public Speaking-Toastmasters.org/Find a Club, leadership development, citizenship,...
	10.3.i	Resume		...Planner/Work Tab/Getting Ready to Work
	10.3.j	Interviewing Skills		...Planner/Work Tab/Getting Ready to Work
	10.4.k	Find hands-on opportunity for skills development		Apply and land position intern/volunteering in desired area
				<b>Journal – record your contacts and experience with employers</b>

### 10.4 Continue financial aid review

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	10.4.a	Check New Opportunities		Home/Pay tab/Aid Opportunities not to be Missed
	10.4.b	Glossary/External Links		Home/Pay tab/Glossary and External Links
	10.4.c	Federal Grants		Home/Pay tab/When I Go/Grants/Federal Grants
	10.4.d	Scholarships		Home/Pay tab/When I Go/Scholarships; federal, state, private Home/Pay tab/When I Go/Scholarships/College In Colorado scholarship search engine ...Planner/Learn tab/Scholarship Finder/Start my scholarship search
	10.4.e	General Eligibility		Home/Pay tab/When I Go/Eligibility
	10.4.f	Actual Eligibility		Home/Pay tab/When I Go/Actual Eligibility

## 10.5 Begin test preparation

	Activity		Navigation
10.5.a	Vocabulary Builder		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/Vocab Builder
10.5.b	Subject Area Practice		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/English, Mathematics, Reading Science
10.5.c	Question of the Day		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/Question of the Day
			<b>Journal – set up a schedule for subject area practice</b> (one per week recommended)

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Outcomes

### 11.1 Narrow college program and college choices

	Activity		Navigation
11.1.a	Review career-based college/Occ/Tech school choices	R	...Planner/Learn Tab/School Finder/Programs Offered plus other criteria Home/Higher Education Opportunities and Requirements/Program Alternatives/Occupational and Technical Schools, Apprenticeship Programs and Distance Learning Opportunities
11.1.b	Request Information from Schools	R	Home/Apply/C-Info Requestor
	Attend college fairs		Home/Plan/College Fairs in Colorado
11.1.c	Add In-State Colleges to CiC Account	R	Home/Apply/Comparative View/Click on School Name/Add to Account
11.1.d	Add Out-of-State colleges to CiC Account	R	Home/Apply/Colleges Outside of Colorado/Xap.com/Add a College Now/Use one of four search tools/Add to XapPack (Tours, Finder, Wizard, Name)
11.1.e	Add Other Schools of interest	R	Home/Apply/Comparative View, Campus Tours, Matching Assistant; In-State or “Outside of Colorado” – add to Account and/or portfolio
11.1.ef	Compare Colleges main criteria	R	Home/Apply/Colleges Outside of Colorado/Comparative View; add all colleges via easiest search method/Compare Selected Colleges
11.1.g	Compare Colleges 2-by-2	R	...Planner/Learn/Compare Schools
11.1.h	Talk with College Admissions Personnel		Guided Exercise
11.1.i	Use the Financial Aid Estimator		Home/Pay/Available Tools/Financial Aid Estimator (In-State only – for out of state use comparable costs), record expected loan amounts
11.1.j	Compare Career Salary with living expenses/student loans		Home/Pay/Available Tools/SLOPE Calculator
11.1.k	Narrow Post-Secondary Choices		Guided Exercise

## 11.2 Develop post -secondary plan and schedule

		Activity		Navigation
	11.2.a	Set up calendar		Guided Exercise to set up calendar and reminder system for schools, financial aid
	11.2.b	Schedule Campus Visits		Schedule campus visits and send thank you notes ...Planner/Your Portfolio/All About You/Build a Thank you Letter
	11.2.c	Financial Aid Office Appts		Schedule appointment with Financial Aid Officers
	11.2.d	Draft resume	R	...Planner/Work tab/Resume Builder, Cover letter creator
	11.2.e	Draft applications		Draft responses to college application questions
	11.2.f	Draft essay		Guided Exercise
	11.2.g	Skills acquisition		Continue to implement Skills Acquisition plan and document results for applications
	11.2.h	Interviewing Skills	R	...Planner/Work tab/Job Interview Practice
	11.2.i	Letters of Recommendation		Get commitments for recommendations from mentors, employers, friends

## 11.3 Gather information for scholarship s and financial aid

		Activity		Navigation
	11.3.a	Download FAFSA Worksheet		Home/Pay/When I Go/How To Apply/Click Here to download the Pre-Application Worksheet at FAFSA on the Web.
	11.3.b	Update Account		Home/My Account/Profile/Use left navigation to complete
		Financial Aid Night with Parents		
	11.3.c	Find Scholarships		...Plan/Learn/Scholarship Finder Home/Pay/ When I Go/Scholarships Home/Pay/External Links/Scholarships and Grants
	11.3.d	Understand Student Loans		Home/Pay/ When I Go/Loans
	11.3.e	Understand Personal Finances		Home/Pay/External Links/Understanding Finances
	11.3.f	Itemize scholarships of interest		Prepare list of items required for scholarships, begin preparing application materials

## 11.5 Continue test preparation

		Activity		Navigation
	11.5.a	Review test schedules	R	ACT ( <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/">http://www.actstudent.org/</a> ), SAT ( <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html</a> )
	11.5.b	Vocabulary Builder		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/Vocab Builder

	11.5.c	Subject Area Practice		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/English, Mathematics, Reading Science
	11.5.d	Question of the Day		Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/Question of the Day
	11.5.e	Sample Tests	R	Home/Plan/Test Preparation/Begin Test Prep/Sample Tests
	11.5.e	Take the ACT/SAT	R	

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Outcomes**

### **12.1 Submit all college application materials**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	12.1.a	Counselor Documents		Check and Request Transcripts, Fee Waivers etc. from Counseling Office
	12.1.b	Recommendation letters		Gather Letters of Recommendation
	12.1.c	Apply Online, Colorado	R	Home/Apply/Colorado Online Applications
	12.1.c	Apply Online, Out of State	R	Home/My Account/Colleges/Campus Tours/Campus Links/Home Page

### **12.2 Complete the FAFSA**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	12.2.a	Obtain PIN numbers (Parent and Student)	R	Home/Pay/ When I Go/How To Apply/ U.S. Department of Education PIN site
	12.2.b	Parents/Tax Returns	R	
	12.2.c	Complete the FAFSA	R	Home/Pay/ When I Go/How to Apply/College In Colorado Transfer Module Attend College Goal Sunday
	12.3.d	Review SAR, submit any corrections	R	Home/Pay/ When I Go/Your Actual Eligibility

### **12.3 Apply for scholarships**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	12.3.a	Finalize Resume, Essay, other required components	R	...Planner/Work tab/Resume Builder, Cover letter creator
	12.3.b	Complete all applications	R	

### **12.4 Final Preparation to Graduate and Matriculate**

		<b>Activity</b>		<b>Navigation</b>
	12.4.a	Compare Award Packages		Home/Pay/ When I Go/Your Actual Eligibility/How does a college determine your package?

			Home/Pay/ When I Go/How to Interpret yo ur award offer Home/Pay/ When I Go/How to Interpret yo ur award offer/Sample Award Pac kages
	12.4.b	Send Acceptance Letter	
	12.4.c	Understand Repa yment	Home/Pay/After I Graduate/Repay ment Guide
	12.4.d	Order final Transcripts	
	12.4.e	Attend Orientation	