



Cassville School District

"Striving for Excellence"

**Cassville School District
Academic and Career Plan (ACP)
& PI-26 Plan**

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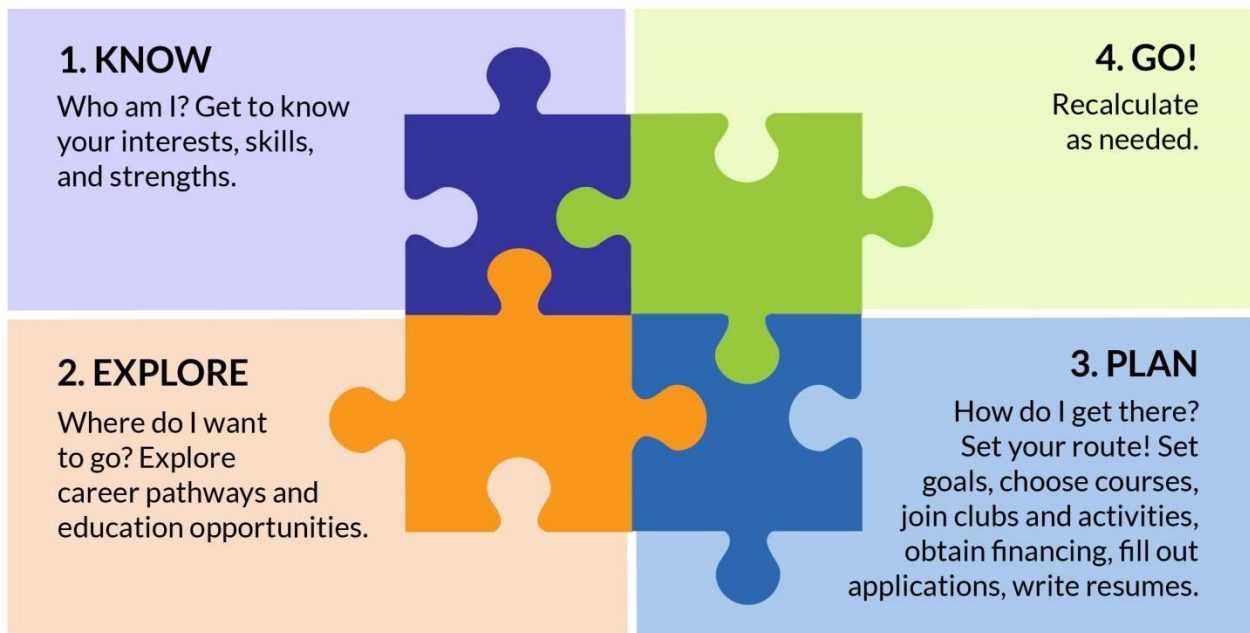
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What is ACP?

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create their own unique visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. ACP is an integral piece of Cassville School District's comprehensive school counseling program. It is facilitated by the school counselor, but all faculty are responsible for supporting the process. At CSD, students receive ACP services and resources beginning in 4K all the way through grade 12.

For more information on ACP in Wisconsin, visit [DPI ACP website](#).

4 Stages to Successful Academic and Career Planning (ACP)



The ACP Model

“Know-Explore-Plan-Go” aligns Wisconsin ACP required components with research-based recommendations for incorporating career development throughout K12 for self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning and management.

Self-Awareness (Know)

- Self-assessment of interests and strengths
- Reflection and goal setting
- Financial knowledge
- Academic & skill preparation
- Behavioral & employability skill preparation

Career Exploration (Explore)

- Middle school career exploration activities
- High school career exploration activities
- World of work and labor market needs
- Understanding and comparing postsecondary education options

Career Planning (Plan)

- Planning skills
- The middle school plan
- The high school plan

Career Management (Go)

- Executing the plan
- Updating the plan with new information and artifacts
- Conferencing and mentoring



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What is PI-26?

Chapter PI-26 is the legislation of the State of Wisconsin that requires every school district to provide academic and career planning services to pupils enrolled in grades 6-12 beginning the 2017-18 school year. This chapter establishes the requirements for education for employment programs. The purpose is to do all of the following:

- a) Prepare elementary and secondary pupils for future employment
- b) Ensure technological literacy to promote lifelong learning
- c) Promote good citizenship
- d) Promote cooperation among business, industry, labor, postsecondary schools, and public schools
- e) Establish a role for public schools in the economic development of Wisconsin

Labor Market Analysis

Listed here are a few websites to access county, state, and national labor statistics. Analyzing labor data helps parents, students, and schools steer in the direction of viable careers.

 <p style="text-align: center;">Grant County Labor Statistics List of top industries, top paying careers, and more.</p>	
 <p style="text-align: center;">Job Center of Wisconsin Wisconsin economic and labor market information.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">U.S. Census Browse a review of our nation's economy and employment summary.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Labor Statistics Endless source of data for our nation's labor force.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">O*Net Online Search occupations and see which have "hot outlooks" which are favorable job prospects. Also, find local training programs for careers of interest.</p>

ACP Activities: Elementary

As part of the Developmental School Counseling program, students have bi-weekly lessons in the areas of career, academic, and personal/social lessons. Early skill-building in areas such as problem solving help our students be better employees in the future. Just a few of the topics covered include:

Career Domain

- *What Shoes will you Wear?* By Julia Cook
- *Busy Bees* Career exploration game

Academic Domain

- Study skills
- Learning styles
- Listening skills
- Perseverance
 - *Bubblegum Brain* by Julia Cook to teach Growth Mindset

Personal/Social Domain

- Friendship skills
- Anger management skills
- Problem-solving using *Kelso's Choice Wheel*

Also: standardized testing and test prep

- PALS grades (required 4K-2)
- Forward testing (required 3-8 &10)
- MAPS
- TerraNova

ACP Activities: Middle School

Grade 7

- *Values and Choices* course for one quarter
 - Helps students learn critical thinking and decision making
- Individual exploration inventories (personal values, learning styles, etc)
- IXL programming in math to identify personal strengths and weaknesses
- Career exploration in each discipline

Grade 8

- *Careers Course* for one quarter in which students:
 - Analyze each element of the ACP
 - Do assessments on self-awareness and career matches
 - Explore Career Cruising and create an e-portfolio
 - Be Real Game for financial literacy
 - Social-Emotional Learning add-ins on topics such as healthy relationships and anti-bullying
 - SMART goals
- Individual exploration inventories
- IXL programming in math
- Career exploration in each discipline

Also: **standardized testing and test prep**

- Forward (required 3-8 &10)

ACP Activities: High School

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- [DPI CTE website](#)
- [The 16 Career Clusters](#)

Character Education Programming

- Quarterly, school-wide character education themes
- Multi-age Homeroom Service Learning projects (including but not limited to):
 - Military packages
 - Women's shelter care kits
 - Giving Tree at Christmas time
 - "I love my public schools week" school pride and recognition events
 - Teacher Appreciation week
 - Christmas cards to the nursing home

School Counseling and Special Education Programming

- [DPI School Counseling Program](#)
- [DPI College and Career Readiness \(CCR\) IEPs](#)
- IEP writing to include PTP (Post-secondary Transition Plan)

Higher Education and Dual Credit

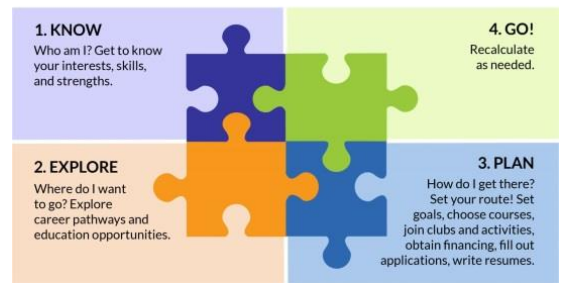
- Transcribed Credit at CHS/SWTC
 - Public Speaking & Senior Communication
- [Start College Now](#) via SWTC
- AP Courses at CHS
 - AP Calculus AB & AP Statistics

Work-Based Learning

- [Youth Apprenticeship](#)
- Job Shadowing

Standardized testing (required)

- ACT and ACT Workkeys (grade 11)& ACT Aspire (grade 9-10)
- WI Forward Exam (grade 3-8 &10)
- DLM alternative testing (grade 3-11)



Classroom activities related to the WI ACP Model

Listed below are just some of the activities our teachers reported doing in support of ACP efforts

Know

- Study skills per subject
- Compose their own “code of ethics” in Written Communication for what is important in their professional careers
- Writing of personal reflections and progress checks in core and elective classes
 - Ex: Individual vocal and rhythm tests to show yearly progress
- Students are taught what the math standards are to connect learning to competencies
- Post-graduation goal-setting per teacher

Explore

- Career exploration per subject
- Job shadowing program through Cassville School District
- Intensive career research project in Junior Literature
- O*Net online career research through Career Cruising and per classroom
- ASVAB career exploration for Juniors
 - Administered and interpreted by the armed forces
 - Use the site for research into careers
- Mock interviewing in Written Communication coursework
- Field trips per subject including (but not limited to)
 - “Grant County Government Day”
 - “Cadaver Lab” for health careers
 - “Reality Day” for financial literacy
 - “Wisconsin Education Fair”

Plan

- Resume writing in Career Cruising
- Soft skills/ workplace readiness in Speech class
- Employer interviews in Written Communication coursework
- Effective interviewing tips in Written Communication
- Letters of recommendation
 - Lessons in etiquette on how to earn and obtain them
- College application and FAFSA lessons and assistance

What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising is a self-exploration and college/career planning software program that helps people of all ages explore and plan of school, career, and life. Through an account provided by the school, students can use Career Cruising to take

career-related assessments, explore online career and college profiles, and get information about financial aid and employment. School districts must provide an electronic exploration and portfolio tool for ACP delivery. Career Cruising is the current tool that Wisconsin has procured for that purpose.

All students in grade 6-12 have login information and used it during school. If you want to explore your child's profile and see what assessments they have completed, have them log in at [Career Cruising's login page](#).



Parent Engagement



Social Media Outreach

- Cassville School District [website](#)
- Cassville School District [Facebook page "Comet Nation"](#)
- Partnership with UW-Extension e-Parenting

In-School Events

- Back-to-school registration and orientation
- Grade 7&9 orientation
- Parent-teacher conferencing (fall and spring)
 - Junior conferencing (spring)
- Financial Aid Night via SWTC

Publications and mailings

- District Newsletter [Comet Courier](#)
- Skylert messaging system

If you have further questions about the ACP process and elements, feel free to contact Ms. Stratton in the guidance department!