

Alma Area Schools
Academic and Career Planning (ACP)

Alma Area Schools Definition of College and Career Planning:

Having the knowledge, skills and habits to succeed in the world.

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A student driven journey which is an adult supported process that promotes individual growth, potential, and responsibility toward achieving life-long learning. This journey assists the students in reaching their academic, career, and personal goals.

PI-26 Administrative Rule History

Education for Employment was established in 1985 in response to the growing concern over the number of youth who failed to make successful transition from school to postsecondary endeavors. s. 121.02 (1)(m), Wis. Stats., states that every school board shall provide access to an Education from Employment program. Chapter PI 26, the administrative rule for this program, was revised and became effective on July 1, 2004. On June 20, 2013, Wisconsin Statute 115.28 (59) was signed to require implementation of academic and career planning (ACP) statewide beginning in 2017-2018 for pupil enrolled in Grades 6-12 in a school District.

It was determined that rather than creating a new rule addressing ACP, the current PI26 would be update and revised to include the required ACP components.

PI-26.03(1) Education for Employment Program

An education for employment program shall include a long-range plan approved by the board and developed by a team of school district staff and community stakeholders, which may include businesses, postsecondary education institutions, and workforce development organizations.

Activities:

- Students in grades 6-12 will have access to XELLO (XELLO is engaging college and career readiness software that unlocks every student's potential by opening their eyes to future possibilities and builds self-knowledge, personal plans, and critical life skills.)
- Ensure that all secondary students (grades 9-12) have the means, opportunity, and preparation to succeed in a post-secondary education ranging from two or four year colleges, apprenticeships, certification programs, military, etc. to be successful in the workplace.
- Sophomores will be required to register for a Careers class to further self-assess goals, career goals, and requirements to be successful in the workforce or in a post-secondary institution. Local business representatives will be invited in as guest speakers.
- Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to register for Work Experience which allows the student to work in business in our area to explore various work environments of interest.
- Campus tours, either in person or virtually, shall be provided to all students in grades 7-10.
- Juniors and seniors shall be allowed to tour post-secondary institutions with their parents/guardians. This will be an excused absence with proper documentation.
- Sophomores and juniors will participate in the WEF – WI Education Fair to receive information on post-secondary opportunities.
- The Alma School District shall provide CTE classes in Family and Consumer Science, Agriculture, Technology, and Business.
- The Special Education teacher will ensure that any student serviced with an IEP complete the Post-secondary Transition Plan (PTP).
- Dual credit courses, Start College Now (WI) courses, and Post-secondary Enrollment Option Courses will be offered to all students who meet the academic requirements.