

ACP Implementation: District Self-Assessment

It is important to evaluate, reflect and set goals on your school's ACP implementation. In general, we think about implementation in three different stages:

Initiating	Implementing	Institutionalized	
At the beginning stages. Just getting started, often in pockets rather than across all grade levels and faculty.	Fully implemented across all grade levels, but often relies on one or few people and is likely to fall apart with staff or leadership turnover.	Has become an essential part of the school structure and culture. ACP is a clear part of the districts vision and embedded into board policies and strategic goals.	

Use this guide to help your school/district ACP team discuss and assess which implementation stage you are at and what needs to happen to move to the next stage for each of the infrastructure elements listed on the following page.

Who should be on your ACP team?

Anyone who is passionate about helping your students graduate college, career and community ready. But, in particular, you may find it valuable to include:

- District ACP Coordinator
- School Counselors
- CTE Coordinator and teacher
- Teaching and Learning Director
- Building level administrators
- Special Education teacher
- Academic teacher

What should you evaluate?

You will want to look at your ACP infrastructure as well as the ACP components.

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ACP Infrastructure Leadership and Culture Institutionalized Initiating Implementing ✓ ACP Team that meets on a regular basis with substantive agendas and assigned project manager or leader. ✓ ACP is championed by school district leaders and school board members. ✓ All staff embrace a role in ACP and integrate it into all areas of a student's educational experience. **Policy and Planning** □ Initiating Implementing □ Institutionalized ✓ Annual review of existing policies, initiatives, and activities as a part of an ACP needs assessment and identifies ACP implementation goals and priorities. A long-range ACP plan that meets requirements of PI 26 is developed with stakeholders, approved by the school board and posted on the district webpage. ✓ The district's ACP communication plan is strategic and addresses all audiences (e.g., staff, external stakeholders, families, students). **Professional Development** Initiating Implementing □ Institutionalized ✓ The district has identified and prioritized local ACP professional development needs and makes ACP professional development available to all staff and teachers. ✓ The district provides time and resources to support staff participation on ACP teams and in ACP collaborative networks. Family Engagement Initiating Implementing Institutionalized ✓ Parents and guardians are knowledgeable about ACP as a concept and as a district policy. ✓ Families have opportunities to contribute feedback for setting local ACP policy and practice. ✓ Families are provided with multiple ACP progress reports and opportunities for involvement annually. ✓ The school engages in specific outreach efforts to families of students of color and from special populations. **Individualized ACP Support** □ Implementing Institutionalized □ Initiating ✓ Student's academic and career planning is supported by a continuous relationship with a supportive adult or mentor who has received training in career development skills and is knowledgeable regarding the student's interests, resources, goals, and plans. ✓ All school staff members receive training on providing individual ACP support. ✓ Time for regular individualized ACP support is built into the school schedule. Institutionalized

Community Partnerships

□ Implementing Initiating

- ✓ District/school leaders collaborate with local community stakeholders including business and industry, higher education, and community organizations to:
 - enhance the quality of student ACPs
 - develop the district's long-range PI 26 plan
 - provide ACP services and opportunities to students.

Access for All Students

□ Initiating

□ Implementing □ Institutionalized

- ✓ ACP policies and practices promote whole-school ACP implementation to ensure that all students in eligible grades have equal opportunities to access ACP services, regardless of disability or language status.
- ✓ ACP services are enhanced to support and accommodate students of color and students from special populations.
- ✓ ACP policies and practices are coordinated and consistent with other federal and state requirements regarding all school populations, including students at risk, students with disabilities, students in alternative programming, and ELLs.

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ACP Graduate Profile

What do you hope EVERY student knows or can do related to ACP by the time they graduate? This should guide and inform the ACP components on the next page that your district provides for ALL students.

ACP Stages	What should students know, understand or be able to do by the time they graduate as it relates to ACP?
Know: Self Awareness	 example: Understand how interests and skills relate to careers
Explore: Career Exploration	• • •
Plan: Career Planning	•
Go: Career Management and Success Skills, including: • Communication - written and verbal • Collaboration and teamwork • Critical Thinking and problem solving • Creativity and innovation • Leadership	
Academic Preparation	•

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ACP Components Use this chart to map out which ACP components your school/district offers.							
ACP Component		Universal for all students or opt in?	At which grade level(s) is this component offered?	How is this component offered? (advisory, English class, after school, online etc.)			
Know: Self Awareness Activities	Identifying Strengths, Interests and Learning Styles						
	Setting, Reviewing and Revising SMART goals						
	Writing Personal Reflections						
	Decision Making Skills						
	Leadership Opportunities and Extracurricular activities						
Explore: Exploration Activities	Career Interest Inventories						
	Career Cluster and Career Pathway Exploration						
	Career Research Paper, Project or Presentation						
	CTE Courses and Career and Technical Student Organizations						
	Career Interviews						
	Job Shadowing *						
	Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship						
	Volunteering and Service Learning Projects						
	Understanding Labor Market Information						
Plan: Career Planning Activities	Resumes and Cover Letters *						
	Mock Interviews and Reflections *						

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	Understand, Investigate and Choose a Postsecondary Option: Military, Registered Apprenticeship, Technical College, University		
	Campus Visits and Reflections		
	Postsecondary Applications and Letters of Recommendation		
	Understand Personal Financial Literacy Concepts		
	FAFSA and Scholarship Applications		
	ACP Conferences or One-on-One Advising*		
Go: Career Management Activities	Reflect and modify goals regularly:		
	Modify course selection based on updated goals		
	Identify supports needed to achieve personal goals		
	ACP Final Projects or Presentations *		
	Develop career success skills		
Academic Preparation	Sequence of Courses that align with career and postsecondary goals		
	Industry Recognized Certifications		
	College Credit Opportunities: AP, IB, Advance and Dual Credit Courses		

^{*} Identified as an "ACP Powerful Practice" by the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative in the <u>Academic and Career Planning 2018-2019 Evaluation Report</u>

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