



Wisconsin
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Collaborative

ACP Resource Roadmap

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As the evaluators for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) Academic & Career Planning (ACP) program, the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative (WEC) has been conducting case studies and surveying educators around the state for six years. In the 2021 statewide survey, ACP coordinators, principals, counselors and others were asked what they would most like to learn from evaluation efforts. This brief aims to acknowledge and share the feedback on this question reported by Wisconsin educators, to highlight existing resources, and to indicate future areas of focus exploring questions of interest to ACP stakeholders.

Educator Requests for Resources

One hundred forty-five educators from throughout the state contributed ideas covering a broad range of topics. A number of the topics and requests for information and resources have already been addressed in previous evaluation reports, special publications, toolkits and workshops.

IDEA LOT

Resources for these topics do not currently exist.

WORK ZONE

Resources for these topics are in development or being researched

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Resources are currently available. Follow the links!

IDEA LOT

These topics have been discussed to various extents in survey and evaluation annual reports (see the [ACP Quality webpage](#)), but are not currently addressed in topic-specific resources.

- Middle school strategies
- Building in time for advisory; scheduling strategies; "dosage"
- Challenges and how other districts overcame them
- Increasing student buy-in
- Implementing ACP without a regular advisory period
- Implementing ACP as a required high school class

IDEA LOT

- Organizing career fairs
- Best practices; model schools
- A statewide ACP curriculum

WORK ZONE

- ACP success in large, urban districts
- Granting credit for ACP activities
- Statewide Career Readiness System
- Embedding ACP into regular required curriculum
- Engaging local businesses and other organizations
- Job shadowing, internships in rural areas

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- ACP in small rural districts
 - » [IES – REL Resource Roundup: Supporting career readiness in rural schools](#)
 - » [National Rural Education Assoc. Blog post](#)
- Implementing ACP remotely; implementing during COVID
 - » [Mini-Report #1 – COVID Innovations - \(URL coming\)](#)
- Implementing a portfolio requirement, senior capstone project, or other final project
 - » [Final Projects mini-report](#)
 - » [Final Projects Webinar and related materials](#)
- Statewide evaluation results
 - » [Evaluation reports and executive summaries](#)
- Local evaluation strategies; a rubric for self-evaluation
 - » [Local Evaluation toolkit](#)
 - » [ACP Implementation: District Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- Xello and Inspire
 - » [DPI's Xello resource page](#)
 - » [WI Xello resources page](#)
 - » [Using Xello reports tool](#)
- Lesson planning / ideas for activities
 - » [Wisconsin ACP Lessons](#)

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- Industry-recognized credentials, regional career pathways and labor statistics
 - » [Industry certifications Information](#)
 - » [Career and Tech Ed incentive grants](#)
 - » [Regional Career Pathways Information](#)
 - » [Links to LMI on DPI website](#)
- ACP planning documents
 - » [District self-assessment and Action Plan Guide checklist](#)
- Increasing buy-in; building an all-school culture of ACP
 - » [Developing ACP Culture Webinar and related materials](#)
- Increasing family engagement
 - » [Pathways Matter to Families](#)
 - » [Welcome Families to Xello](#)
- Jumpstarting ACP after COVID
 - » [Career Readiness Wisconsin 2025 recording](#)
- ACP in grades K-5
 - » [A sample of district ACP plans that include grades K-5 on DPI website](#)
 - » [Xello for elementary grades](#)
 - » [Elementary School Career Conversations](#)
 - » [Pewaukee Lake Elementary ACP](#)



Summary & What's Next

Educators provide a wealth of information via the statewide ACP evaluation surveys and DPI, CESAs, WEC, and other partners work to provide resources of use to those in the field. WEC's next statewide survey of school ACP coordinators is scheduled for academic year 2022-23. In the meantime, WEC is focusing evaluation efforts on several topics of interest, including:

- Equitable participation in high-leverage ACP-related activities
- ACP implementation in grades K-5
- Wisconsin's Statewide Career Readiness System

New & Existing ACP Resources

- Review ACP Resources on the [DPI website](#)
 - » Participate in the Career Readiness Community of Practice that is linked under ACP Resources.
- Join the [ACP listserv](#)
- Check out the [CTE Calendar](#) to find out about upcoming career readiness professional development and events

About the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative

The Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative (WEC) is housed at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. WEC's team of evaluators supports youth-serving organizations and initiatives through culturally responsive and rigorous program evaluation. Learn more at <http://www.wec.wceruw.org>.