



Summer 2017

TO: Parents of students entering grades 6-12
RE: Academic and Career Planning Introduction

This letter will provide some important information on the Wisconsin's statewide ACP implementation for all students in grades 6-12 and what it will look like in the East Troy Middle School and East Troy High School.

In support of the district [vision, mission, and goals](#), we will be aligning the Academic and Career Planning (ACP) for middle and high school students to support all students on their personalized journeys to successful lives.

What is ACP?

ACP stands for "Academic and Career Planning, and is a student driven and adult-supported process where students create their own unique and information-based visions for post secondary success. This is obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. ACP is more about the process than it is about the plan, as students may find that their plans change throughout their middle and high school careers." (Wisconsin Department of Instruction, PI-26).

What Your Student Learn Last Year

As part of the ACP rollout students both at the middle school and high school level students were introduced to components of ACP that are highlighted below and began utilizing the Wisconsin Career Cruising Website.

Middle School

- All 6th-8th grade students were introduced to Academic and Career Planning process in relation to creating their personal Career Cruising profile. Students completed their Learning Style Inventory, which assessed how students learn best.
- All 7th and 8th grade students took a Career Matchmaker Assessment and began exploring different careers of interest to them.
- All 8th grade families were given an opportunity to come in for an 8th grade planning conference to discuss high school course selection, an introduction to Career Cruising profiles, and goal setting.

High School

- All freshmen and junior families were invited to come in for their child planning conference to schedule classes for the upcoming school year and discuss post-secondary plans.
- All sophomore students met individually with their counselor to schedule classes for the upcoming school year and discuss post-secondary plans.
- 2017 Seniors logged into Career Cruising to learn more about career and college options and financial planning.
- This past spring a financial planner presented information to parents and students in the evening.
- At different times of the year there were career panels during resource time for students to learn more about the different careers in the career clusters.
- Students were able to go on field trips to manufacturing companies, toured businesses, went to the Walworth County Expo, and the Wisconsin Education Fair at UW Parkside.

ACP Plans for 2017-2018

- Teams of teachers, counselors, and administrators will continue to meet to discuss the ACP programming for 2017-2018
- We will provide 30 minutes during resource period once a month relating to a ACP lesson or activity in the goal of creating a personalized post secondary plans.
- All students in grades 6-12 will be logging into Career Cruising to start their own academic and career electronic portfolio.
- There is now an ACP tab on the middle school and high school website with the ACP resources and information.
- We will provide parents with their own login information for Career Cruising, as this would be a way for parents to review what their child has accomplished in their career profile.

What Can You Do To Help

As vital stakeholders in developing your child's personalized post-secondary planning we have included some resources and ways to support you child in develop their plans, explore careers, and more information on ACP. Our goals is to have parents and students work together along with staff at the middle school and high school on this process including course selection, college search, postsecondary work experience, and much more.

- Become familiar with the 16 career clusters: <https://www.wicareerpathways.org/>
- Ask your child to share any plans they have already created at school with you.
- Help your child recognize subjects they are interested in, which subjects they want to challenge themselves in, and work together on how to balance priorities to ensure they can accomplish their personal goals.
- There are more resources about Academic and Career Planning on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/acp>

Who Should You Contact with Questions?

Your first point of contact is your student's school counselor. If you have any questions or feedback on the Academic and Career Planning process, please contact the following primary contacts for Academic and Career Planning at each School:

East Troy High School- [Kevin Kitslaar](#), School Principal; [Dominique Boston](#), School Counselor
East Troy Middle School- [Krista Iserloth](#), School Counselor