



Perspectives

PaCE FRAMEWORK

College, Career & Life Readiness Pathway

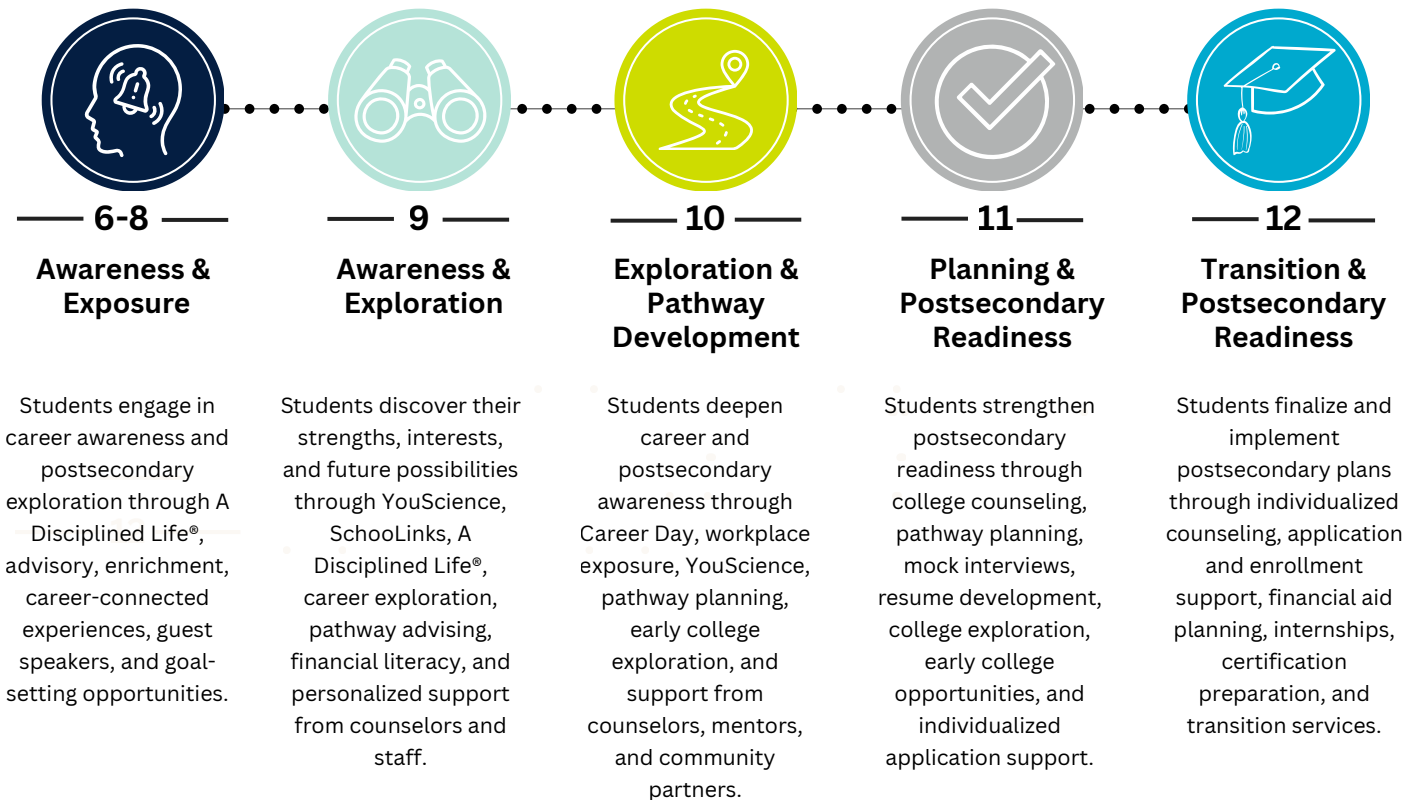
Grade 6-12

Preparing every student for success
through A Disciplined Life ©



At Perspectives, our A Disciplined Life® education model teaches the whole child. This framework outlines how Perspectives Charter Schools intentionally develops college, career, and life readiness from middle school through graduation through a combination of A Disciplined Life®, college counseling, experiential learning, career exploration, work-based learning, early college access, and strategic partnerships.

The Perspectives Student Journey



We live
a Disciplined Life.®



Student Outcomes

By the End of Each Grade, Students Should be Supported To...



- Grade 6-8**
- Explore personal strengths, interests, and emerging career pathways
 - Build awareness of how attendance, behavior, habits, and academics connect to future opportunities through A Disciplined Life ©
 - Engage in extracurricular, enrichment, leadership, and service opportunities
 - Participate in introductory college, career, and pathway exploration experiences
 - Explore high school pathways, future planning, and early college awareness
 - Build relationships with trusted adults who support future planning and goal-setting
 - Develop foundational financial literacy and postsecondary awareness
- Grade 09**
- Discover personal strengths, aptitudes, and career interests through YouScience and career exploration experiences
 - Begin connecting academic performance, attendance, and behavior to long-term goals and future opportunities
 - Develop an individualized pathway plan aligned to interests, strengths, and aspirations
 - Explore postsecondary pathways including college, trade, military, entrepreneurship, and career opportunities
 - Explore early college, dual credit, and advanced coursework opportunities
 - Engage in extracurricular, enrichment, athletics, leadership, or community service experiences connected to personal growth and future goals
 - Build foundational financial literacy and postsecondary cost awareness alongside trusted adults and family members
- Grade 10**
- Participate in career-connected learning, workplace exposure, and industry exploration experiences
 - Explore career pathways through A Disciplined Life, enrichment programming, partnerships, and experiential learning opportunities
 - Refine career interests and begin identifying potential pathway alignment
 - Explore opportunities across the work-based learning continuum including internships, mentorships, summer programs, and career exposure experiences
 - Build relationships with adults who support postsecondary and career planning
 - Review academic progress and align coursework to postsecondary goals and aspirations
 - Deepen understanding of financial literacy, affordability, and postsecondary planning with family engagement opportunities
- Grade 11**
- Revisit and refine career interests, pathway goals, and postsecondary plans
 - Participate in work-based learning, career-connected experiences, internships, mentorships, or industry partnerships.
 - Review college readiness and develop plans for acceleration or academic support when needed
 - Access dual credit, dual enrollment, certification, AP, or other advanced coursework opportunities
 - Attend college fairs, pathway expos, career exploration events, and postsecondary workshops
 - Visit colleges, universities, training programs, or career-connected institutions aligned to future goals
 - Complete college entrance exams or placement assessments connected to postsecondary planning
 - Receive individualized support with college, career, and financial aid planning
- Grade 12**
- Participate in capstone, collaborative, or pathway-aligned learning experiences that demonstrate readiness for life beyond high school
 - Access internships, work-based learning placements, or career-connected transition opportunities
 - Prepare for and complete pathway-aligned industry certifications when applicable
 - Address any remaining college, career, or academic readiness needs prior to graduation
 - Complete postsecondary applications aligned to individualized goals and pathway plans
 - Participate in financial aid award review, affordability planning, and postsecondary decision-making
 - Complete all admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and transition milestones on time
 - Receive support completing FAFSA or Alternative Applications and accessing scholarships and financial aid opportunities

Student Outcomes

By the End of Each Grade, Students Should Know...



- Grade **6-8**
- That their interests, strengths, and habits influence future opportunities
 - That there are multiple postsecondary pathways, including college, trade, military, entrepreneurship, and career opportunities
 - The importance of attendance, self-discipline, leadership, and academic effort
 - How high school choices connect to future college and career opportunities
 - Basic concepts related to college, careers, and financial literacy

- Grade **09**
- At least one or two career pathways they are interested in exploring further
 - The value of leadership, service, and involvement beyond the classroom
 - How grades, attendance, habits, and discipline impact postsecondary opportunities
 - General cost differences between college, trade, military, and career pathways

- Grade **10**
- The educational pathways, salary outlooks, and career opportunities connected to their interests
 - The foundational professional and transferable skills connected to workplace readiness
 - The differences between certifications, apprenticeships, two-year colleges, four-year universities, military pathways, and direct-to-career opportunities
 - Key milestones related to postsecondary entrance exams, applications, and planning timelines
 - The academic, financial, and long-term benefits of early college and advanced coursework opportunities

- Grade **11**
- The academic and credential requirements connected to their intended pathway
 - Postsecondary admissions expectations, timelines, and application requirements
 - How to identify strong-fit postsecondary options aligned to goals, readiness, and aspirations
 - The importance of college readiness and avoiding remediation whenever possible
 - Key financial aid, FAFSA, scholarship, and application deadlines connected to postsecondary planning

- Grade **12**
- How coursework, certifications, dual credit, and pathway experiences connect to future careers and postsecondary programs
 - How to evaluate affordability, expected salary outcomes, debt, and return on investment related to postsecondary decisions
 - The estimated cost and long-term financial implications of selected postsecondary options
 - The responsibilities, expectations, and commitments connected to scholarships, grants, loans, and financial aid awards