



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Courtney Hott, Director of Student, School and Family Engagement
Michelle Clarke, Asst. Director of Student, School and Family Engagement

Date: August 12, 2022

Subject: Alternative College and Career Planning Tools

Background:

Senate Enrolled Act 297 states that beginning July 1, 2019, each school in a school corporation and each charter school must include for all students in grade 8 use of either Indiana Career Explorer or an alternative internet based system that provides students with college and career planning resources. The alternative internet-based system must be approved by the State Board of Education.

A school corporation or charter school may submit a request to the State Board of Education to approve an alternative internet based system that provides students with college and career planning resources. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development, may approve the alternative system if it meets the following standards:

1. Has an aptitude assessment tool;
2. Contains educational course track information;
3. Has a tool for the preparation and development of the graduation plan prescribed in IC 20-30-4, including a parent sign in component;
4. Allows access to education and career demand information using data prepared by the Department of Workforce Development; and
5. Is aligned to interdisciplinary employability skills standards prescribed in subsection (c), which are still currently under development.

Guidance:

Any school corporation or charter school wishing to have an alternative college and career planning tool approved by the State Board of Education must complete the application found [here](#). Upon receipt of the application, staff from the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and the Department of Workforce Development will review the application and make a recommendation to the State Board. The Department of Education will maintain a webpage with a list of approved tools. Schools should first check the list to see if the college and career planning system your school corporation uses is currently approved. If the system is not on the list, schools will need to complete the online application above. If a school's college and career planning system is on the approved list, then no action is needed. The list of approved college and career planning systems can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact INCE@doe.in.gov.