



# DELAWARE'S COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY FOR PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Every child in Delaware—regardless of zip code, economic means, or style or pace of learning—deserves options for his or her future and to feel confident for whatever tomorrow holds. All Delaware students need strong coursework, counseling and support, plus leadership and work experience at every stage of their education to reach their goals.

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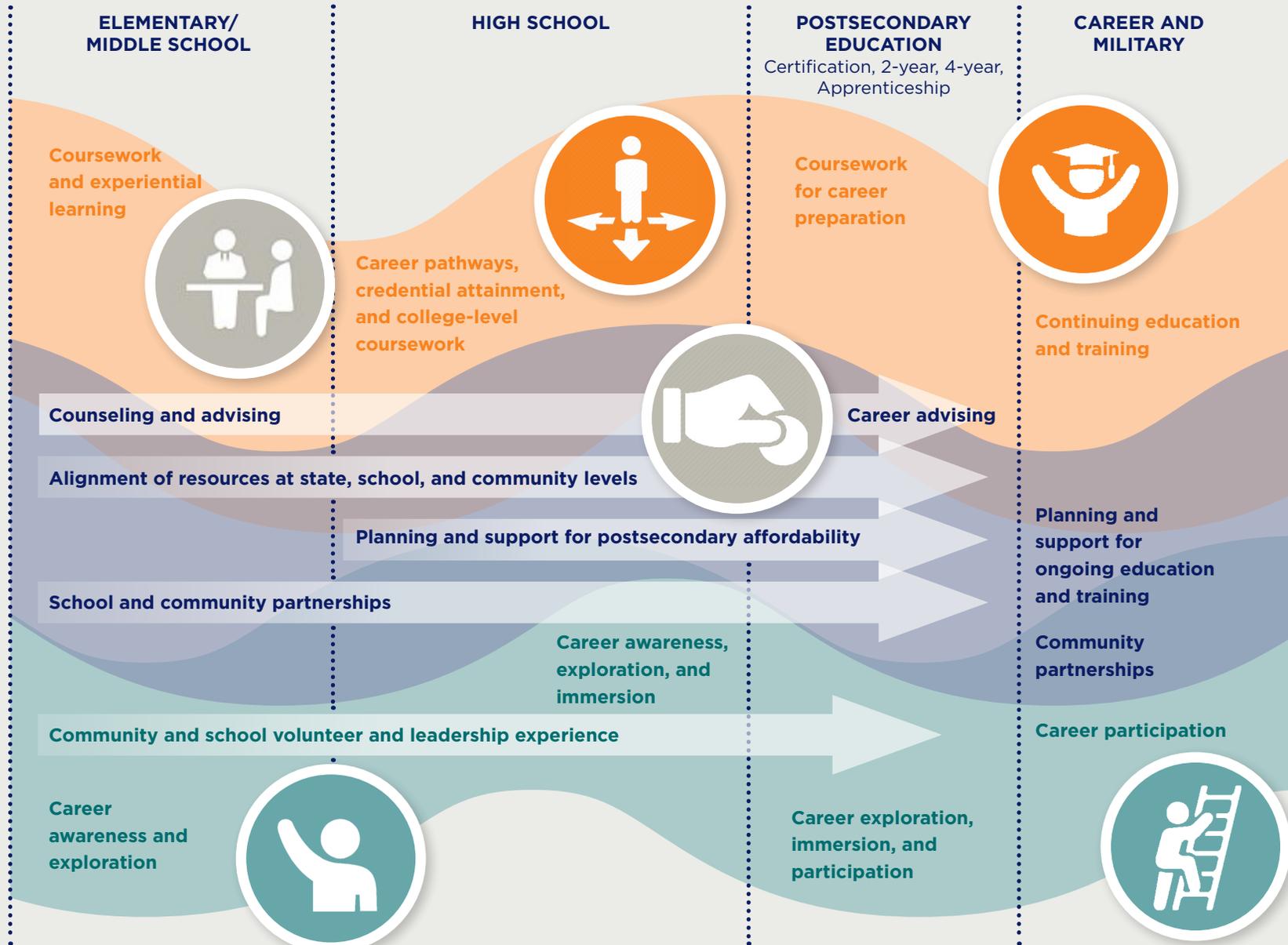
All students graduate high school prepared with knowledge and skills to successfully enter the workforce, pursue postsecondary education, and continue learning throughout their lifetime.

## PLAN

At any age, all students and their families identify, access, and utilize information, resources, and supports to help them pursue their goals.

## DO

All students take advantage of opportunities to explore their career options, leadership roles, and gain real world experience.



# DELAWARE'S WORK UNDERWAY FOR PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS



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### ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students prepare for high school with **advanced coursework and experiential learning** opportunities.



## PLAN

Educators help students identify **postsecondary, career, and educational goals** as early as middle school and develop a plan to reach them.

State, school, community, and institutional stakeholders **collaborate and align resources** to help young people.

Schools partner with **community and nonprofit organizations** to provide mentoring and additional supports.

Students gain **volunteer and leadership experience** through afterschool and community programs.

## DO

**Career awareness** begins as early as middle school with online platforms to explore different careers, plus career coaches, mentors, and guest speakers.

Students develop knowledge and skills for the workplace by moving from **career awareness to career exploration, preparation, and immersion** while developing their resumes, interacting with career coaches and mentors, and developing job skills through work-based learning like co-ops and internships.

As career options become more clearly defined, students actively **prepare for and participate in the workforce, gaining skills,** and building resumes through internships and apprenticeships.



Delawareans utilize online platforms for further **resume-building and job seeking** to pursue new career opportunities.

### HIGH SCHOOL

**Career-related courses and pathways** connect students to the real world, and allow them to earn industry-recognized credentials. Curricula for these courses is developed by local business leaders, schools, and colleges.

**College-level coursework** such as Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, and International Baccalaureate opportunities prepare high schoolers for college.

Educators, counselors, and community partners help students and families **identify college and career options, develop educational goals, and provide application and selection support and transition information—**in-person or online.

Counselors, advisors, and community partners promote **affordability via financial aid and scholarship** information and application supports.

### POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Certification, 2-year, 4-year, Apprenticeship

Students complete **coursework that prepares them for career interests** and opportunities.

Students receive **advice on relevant coursework and career opportunities.**

### CAREER AND MILITARY

**Continuing education, professional development, and on-the-job training** propel careers to new heights.

**Workforce training grants and scholarships** provide continuing education and professional development.

**Students benefit when K-12 education, higher education, philanthropy, business, government, and community-based organizations collaborate. For more information visit [delawarepathways.org](http://delawarepathways.org) and [delawaregoestocollege.org](http://delawaregoestocollege.org).**