



October 18, 2018

Dear Kimberly Area School District Families,

With the 2018-19 school year underway, we want to take a moment to remind families of our [Academic and Career Planning \(ACP\)](#) process. All students within our District, from high school aged scholars to the youngest of learners, are encouraged to grow as problem solvers to reach their potential in academics, the arts and activities.

Our Academic and Career Planning (ACP) resources and processes help us ensure that every student is given opportunities to reach their potential. We continuously improve our ACP resources to better support students in 5K through 12th grade as they learn about themselves and develop goals to reach their potential.

ACP is a collaborative process. You play an important role in helping your child discover career interests and develop academic plans that will prepare them for their future. Throughout the year, your school will communicate about the Academic and Career Planning concepts your child is working on and how you can support their learning at home.

Enclosed is a high level overview of our entire ACP Process - from kindergarten through post-graduation. It highlights the ACP experiences for students at each grade. The overview [is a clickable PDF](#) with each grade being a link to more information on our website.

We created several webpages to help families learn more about what their student will experience at each grade level for ACP, who is teaching that content and what you can do to support your child's learning. Enclosed is a handout with tips on finding ACP information on our website.

Together, we will provide an exceptional public education experience for your child.

Proud to be a Papermaker,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert S. Mayfield'.

Robert S. Mayfield, Ed.D.

Superintendent of the Kimberly Area School District



Academic and Career Planning

Preparing students for college, career and life.



5K to 4th Grade

Awareness

Students in our elementary schools have a multitude of opportunities to experience the world of work through classroom instruction, field trips, guest speakers, and ACP geared life skills lessons. Each child is encouraged to explore their developing strengths and interests through our diverse curriculum.

5th & 6th Grade

Exploration

During intermediate school, students begin to explore [career clusters](#) in a more personalized way through the use of [Career Cruising](#). They examine their interests, strengths, soft skills, and personality traits to increase their self-awareness while also learning about [career clusters](#) of interest.

7th & 8th Grade

Connections

Students will experience a variety of hands-on opportunities to help them begin narrowing the focus of possible career options. Throughout their time at JRG, they will thoughtfully consider who they are, their strengths and interests and begin making connections to [career clusters](#) that could be a good fit.



12th Grade & Post Graduation

Execute Plan/ Reflect

During their senior year, students will execute their plan. Whether it is preparing for interviews, completing college applications, or meeting with a recruiter, our students will be ready.

As they progress along their career path, we encourage our students to continually reflect, study and refine their plan as needed.

10th & 11th Grade

Study & Refine

In addition to their courses, students will gain insight into how well their career choices fit them by getting involved in clubs, volunteer work and/or job shadows. Through guided reflection with their ACP advisors, they will research what is needed to be successful on the paths they are considering, assess themselves against those requirements, and refine their plan as needed to meet their personal goals.

9th Grade

Plan

As a freshman, students will explore course planning while taking into consideration their [career cluster](#) research and what seems to be a good fit for them.

They will plan course sequencing that both aligns with their [career cluster](#) and post-secondary needs while also learning the importance of getting involved in clubs, student organizations and volunteer work.

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To learn more about what students will learn, who will be teaching it and how parents can support their learning at home, visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/acp.

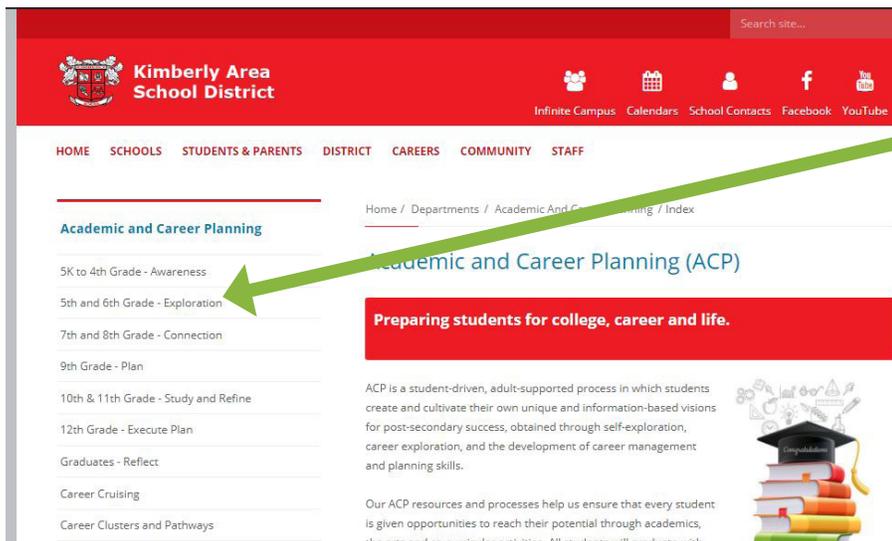


Visit Our ACP Webpage www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/acp

We created webpages to describe the Academic and Career Planning (ACP) experiences students will have at each grade level and what families can do to support their learning at home.

There are two ways to access our ACP information online, visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/acp or on your school's website, under their Student Services navigation is a link to ACP resources.

Tips for Navigating our ACP Webpages



Grade Specific

Click on your child's grade level to read about the ACP experiences they will have this school year.

Details by Experience

Under each grade, you can click on the + symbol next to a student experience. It expands to show what the student will learn, who will teach it and what parents can do to support their child's learning.

5th Grade

+ Introduction to Career Cruising software

- **Students** will be introduced to [Career Cruising](#) as a tool to track their career exploration and they will get setup with an account.
- The **counselor** will teach students about many features in [Career Cruising](#) and how to access different components as they learn about [career clusters](#) and reflect on their current interests.
- **Parents** can log in to view their child's [Career Cruising account](#) through the parent portal and ask them to show you some of the features they have been using.

+ Begin identifying strengths and interests

+ Career cluster awareness

If at any time you have questions about Academic and Career Planning, please contact your school principal or your child's school counselor.