

# High School Higher Education and Career Path Skills Standards

## HS.HECPS.A: Seeking Assistance and Self-Advocacy

- [HS.HECPS.A.1](#) Explore how personal strengths, aptitudes, interests and values connect with future career paths.
- [HS.HECPS.A.2](#) Identify school and community resources for mental, physical and financial well-being, including an understanding of how to seek assistance.
- [HS.HECPS.A.3](#) Understand the rights and responsibilities that come with being a student and member of communities and organizations.
- [HS.HECPS.A.4](#) Practice self-advocacy by communicating needs clearly in writing and speaking, expressing concerns, and seeking out support when necessary.

## HS.HECPS.B: Career Exploration and Preparation

- [HS.HECPS.B.1](#) Practice employability skills necessary to effectively self-manage and collaborate with others in a workplace setting.
- [HS.HECPS.B.2](#) Understand the diverse range of career pathways available, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, military service, higher education, trades and non-degree programs.
- [HS.HECPS.B.3](#) Explore local opportunities and benefits for participating in career-connected and community-based experiential learning related to future goals.

## HS.HECPS.C: Postsecondary Readiness

- [HS.HECPS.C.1](#) Explore postsecondary educational and career pathways, and identify necessary training, education, skills, and prerequisites aligned with aspirations.
- [HS.HECPS.C.2](#) Research admission processes for postsecondary pathways and practice applying to apprenticeships, military service, higher education, trades, and non-degree programs.
- [HS.HECPS.C.3](#) Investigate strategies for making well-informed financial decisions about postsecondary pathways, including how to navigate financial aid options (i.e., FAFSA, ORSAA), application processes, and a variety of credible funding sources and scholarships.

## HS.HECPS.D: Workforce Readiness

- [HS.HECPS.D.1](#) Prepare to apply for an entry-level job related to future career goals.
- [HS.HECPS.D.2](#) Prepare a resume and cover letter and determine what to include in a professional portfolio.
- [HS.HECPS.D.3](#) Demonstrate interview skills in virtual and in-person settings.
- [HS.HECPS.D.4](#) Navigate and negotiate offers of employment including human resource paperwork.