

2025-2026 Instructional Services Project Code: 287 CESA 4 Regional Career Pathways Collaborative

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The Wisconsin Regional Career Pathways (RCP) approach is a statewide effort to deliver high-quality career pathways in high schools that reflect the needs and vision of a regional collaborative group of employers, education, and economic and workforce development.

The regional collaboratives adopt, implement, promote, and monitor high school career pathways in high-skill, in-demand industry sectors.

Program Framework

Key elements of the Regional Career Pathway are:

- Taking a sequence of aligned courses
- Earning an industry-recognized credential
- Enrolling in dual college credit courses
- Participating in career-based and work-based learning experiences
- Accessing related Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Organizations

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***There is no CESA service cost to districts for this service, but districts are encouraged to join the collaborative.

CESA 4 serves as the Regional Coordinator for the 7 Rivers Regional Career Pathways. The Regional Coordinator, employed by CESA 4, will:

- Serve as the program liaison with the regional LEAs to develop, design, implement, and administer this program
- Meet with school coordinators and/or administrators to review progress of program growth and address program concerns
- Prepare and submit required forms and reports to DPI
- Attend statewide coordinator planning, informational meetings, and training sessions
- Prepare grant proposals to secure funding
- Secure and coordinate additional program funding resources
- Oversee program grants and funds to ensure timely expenditures
- Assess community businesses for interest in new program areas
- Implement and direct local steering committee efforts to promote program

School districts will assign a building contact to assist the regional coordinator with the Regional Career Pathway implementation. Assistance may include collecting school data for reporting, coordinating implementation meetings, and serving as the school contact for RCP questions.