Student Curriculum Plan: Required State Components

8th Grade
• Create an electronic student portfolio
• Complete a career interest assessment
• Complete a Career Cluster Assessment and identify a Career Cluster of interest:
• Build a course plan for high school/postsecondary:
• A Parent approval and signature form (electronic or printed)

9th Grade
• Complete the Interest Profiler Assessment
• Complete a career assessment linking interests & school subjects
• Complete a skills assessment linking skills and careers
• Revise and rebuild course plan in portfolio
• Complete a student reflection paragraph

10th Grade
• Complete work values/beliefs survey
• Compare careers options side by side
• Research careers and programs
• Compare colleges/programs side by side
• Review and revise course plan in portfolio
• Complete a student reflection paragraph

11th Grade
• Complete a skills inventory, checklist or assessment
• Create a resume
• Create a cover letter
• Compare schools and programs side by side
• Note any postsecondary visits (virtual or physical)
• Complete a practice postsecondary application
• Research financial aid and financial aid information
• Research scholarships and scholarship information
• Review and revise course plan in portfolio
• Complete a student reflection paragraph

12th Grade
• Retake Interest Profiler and compare results with 9th grade results
• Retake career assessment linking school subjects and careers and compare results with 9th grade
• Review school and colleges and indicate choices
• Research job interview information and complete job interview practice
• Review and revise your career plan and your postsecondary opportunities
• Complete a student reflection paragraph

Optional Activities, Experiences & Awards in Portfolio
• Extra-curricular Activities documented
• Community Service documented
• Workplace Learning Activities documented
• Organizations & Activities documented
• Hobbies & Interests documented
• Certificates and Awards documented

Schools not completing the required components within the I Have A Plan Iowa Guideways must file a report documenting their work with students by June 15th of each year.