

## COLLEGE CAREER COMPASS™

# Frequently Asked Questions

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| Document Type   | Frequently Asked Questions                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Audience        | Parents, guardians, students, marketplace reviewers, ESA programs, scholarship programs, and education marketplace administrators                                                                    |
| Purpose         | To answer common questions about College Career Compass™ course options, delivery format, student outcomes, parent role, homeschool documentation, ESA/ClassWallet purchases, and support boundaries |
| Course Level    | Grades 9-12   Minimum Recommended Age 14                                                                                                                                                             |
| Delivery        | Self-paced online curriculum through the College Career Compass™ learning platform                                                                                                                   |
| Support Contact | College Career Compass™                                                                                                                                                                              |

## College Career Compass™ Support Standard

College Career Compass™ is designed to provide a clear, structured, and student-centered learning experience for high school students. Our courses include guided lessons, reflection prompts, examples, planning tools, and portfolio-based assignments, enabling students to move through the curriculum independently. At the same time, parents remain informed and able to support progress.

The goal of College Career Compass™ is to help students build clarity, confidence, and direction through self-discovery, career exploration, pathway planning, scholarship awareness, and future-ready action steps.

## About College Career Compass™

### What is College Career Compass™?

College Career Compass™ provides a self-paced online college- and career-readiness curriculum for high school students in grades 9–12. Courses help students build clarity, confidence, and direction through guided lessons, reflection activities, self-discovery, career exploration, postsecondary planning, scholarship awareness, and portfolio-based assignments.

### Who is College Career Compass™ designed for?

College Career Compass™ is designed for high school students in grades 9–12, with a recommended minimum age of 14. It is especially useful for homeschool students, ESA-funded students, microschool learners, independent learners, and students who need structured support exploring future college, career, or postsecondary options.

### Is this only for students who plan to attend college?

No. College Career Compass™ supports students exploring many possible pathways after high school, including college, technical school, trade programs, apprenticeships, work-based pathways, military options, entrepreneurship, and other alternatives.

## What makes College Career Compass™ different from a career quiz?

Career quizzes can be helpful starting points, but College Career Compass™ goes deeper. Students do not simply receive a result. They move through a guided process of self-discovery, reflection, inquiry, exploration, planning, and portfolio development so they can make meaning from what they discover.

## Course Options

### What courses are available?

College Career Compass™ currently offers three self-paced online curriculum options:

| Course                                      | Length    | Final Student Outcome                        |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Discover Your Direction™                    | Semester  | My Direction Portfolio™                      |
| Build Your Future™                          | Semester  | My College & Career Compass Portfolio Plan™  |
| Full-Year College & Career Readiness Course | Full-Year | My College & Career Compass Portfolio & Plan |

### What is Discover Your Direction™?

Discover Your Direction™ helps students build self-awareness, confidence, clarity, career curiosity, and personal direction. Students explore strengths, interests, values, aptitudes, motivation, learning patterns, energy, mindset, experiences, and possible future pathways. The final student outcome is **My Direction Portfolio™**.

### What is Build Your Future™?

Build Your Future™ helps students turn exploration into practical next steps for life after high school. Students explore post-secondary pathways, scholarship awareness, future-ready experiences, resume and personal branding tools, goals, priorities, and action planning. The final student outcome is **My College & Career Compass Plan™**.

### What is the Full-Year College & Career Readiness Course?

The Full-Year College & Career Readiness Course combines Discover Your Direction™ and Build Your Future™ into one complete college and career readiness experience. Students move from self-discovery to future-ready planning through a full-year sequence. The final student outcome is **My College & Career Compass Portfolio & Plan™**.

### Which course should my student choose?

Students who need self-awareness, confidence, career curiosity, and direction may begin with **Discover Your Direction™**. Students who are ready to compare postsecondary options, build scholarship awareness, and create practical next steps may choose **Build Your Future™**. Students who need the complete experience should choose the **Full-Year College & Career Readiness Course**.

## Learning Experience

### How are the courses delivered?

Courses are delivered online through the College Career Compass™ learning platform. They are self-paced, asynchronous, student-facing, and designed for independent completion.

### Does my student need live instruction to complete the course?

No. College Career Compass™ courses include built-in directions, prompts, examples, reflection questions, activity instructions, planning tools, and portfolio guidance so students can complete the curriculum independently.

**What will students do in the course?**

Students complete guided lessons, reflection prompts, self-discovery activities, career exploration exercises, postsecondary pathway research, scholarship awareness activities, planning tools, portfolio assignments, and final course outcomes depending on the course selected.

**How is student progress demonstrated?**

Progress is demonstrated through completed activities, reflection responses, career or pathway exploration notes, planning tools, portfolio artifacts, and final course outcomes.

**Are there tests or quizzes?**

College Career Compass™ emphasizes reflection, exploration, planning, and portfolio-based evidence of learning rather than relying only on traditional tests or quizzes. Some lessons may include checkpoints, but the primary evidence of learning is the student's completed work and final portfolio or plan.

## Parent Role

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**Do parents need to teach the course?**

No. Parents do not need to teach the course. The curriculum is designed with built-in directions, examples, prompts, and portfolio guidance so students can work independently.

**How can parents support students?**

Parents may support students by encouraging consistent progress, discussing reflection questions, reviewing completed activities, helping students think through future possibilities, supporting homeschool documentation, and celebrating completion of the student's portfolio or plan.

**Who should contact College Career Compass™ for support?**

Parents or guardians are the primary contact for course access, payment, marketplace, ESA/vendor, and technical support questions.

## Homeschool Credit and Documentation

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**Can this course count as a homeschool elective?**

College Career Compass™ courses are structured as high school-level elective curriculum. Homeschool families, umbrella schools, ESA programs, scholarship programs, or other education programs may choose to use completed coursework, portfolio artifacts, and final course outcomes as evidence of student learning.

**Does College Career Compass™ award high school credit?**

No. College Career Compass™ does not award accredited high school credit, issue official transcripts, or automatically assign academic grades unless a separate grading or documentation service is explicitly offered.

**Who decides credit, grades, and transcript use?**

Families are responsible for determining credit, grades, completion status, transcript use, and state, ESA, scholarship, umbrella school, or program requirements.

**What credit amount might families use?**

Families may choose credit based on their homeschool plan and requirements. Suggested guidance is:

| Course                                      | Suggested Homeschool Credit |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Discover Your Direction™                    | 0.5 elective credit         |
| Build Your Future™                          | 0.5 elective credit         |
| Full-Year College & Career Readiness Course | 1.0 elective credit         |

### What transcript titles could families use?

Possible transcript titles include College and Career Readiness, Career Exploration, Future Planning, Personal Development, Postsecondary Planning, College, Career, and Life Planning, or Life Skills. Families should choose the title that best matches their homeschool records and requirements.

## ESA, ClassWallet, and Marketplace Purchases

### Can families use ESA or marketplace funds?

College Career Compass™ may be available through approved ESA, homeschool scholarship, direct-pay, reimbursement, or education marketplace programs where eligible.

### Is College Career Compass™ approved in every state?

Vendor approval, course approval, reimbursement eligibility, documentation requirements, and payment procedures may vary by state, program, or marketplace. Families should confirm eligibility with their specific ESA, scholarship, or marketplace program.

### How do families purchase through ClassWallet?

Families should select **College Career Compass™** as the vendor in ClassWallet if available. If prompted, they may need to upload the course invoice and supporting documentation for the selected course. Approval, payment, reimbursement, and documentation requirements depend on the family's state program rules.

### What documents may families need for ESA or marketplace review?

Families may need supporting documents such as:

- Provider Overview & Credentials
- Course Access & Delivery Instructions
- Fee Schedule
- Policy Packet
- Course description
- Invoice, receipt, or statement

### Can College Career Compass™ guarantee reimbursement or approval?

No. College Career Compass™ cannot guarantee approval, reimbursement, payment, credit acceptance, transcript acceptance, or eligibility by any third-party ESA, scholarship, marketplace, umbrella school, or education program unless approved through that program.

## Access, Technology, and Support

### What technology is needed?

Students need reliable internet access and a device capable of accessing the College Career Compass™ learning platform. A laptop, desktop computer, Chromebook, or tablet is recommended.

### What happens after purchase?

After purchase, enrollment, or marketplace approval, families receive course access instructions through the approved purchase pathway. Access instructions may be provided through the College Career Compass™ website, learning platform, email communication, or marketplace platform.

**What support is included?**

College Career Compass™ may assist with course access, login, or account navigation, payment questions, enrollment confirmation, general course navigation, and marketplace or ESA documentation questions.

**What support is not included?**

Technical or course support does not include live tutoring, counseling, therapy, individualized advising, personalized grading, financial advising, legal advice, guaranteed admissions support, guaranteed scholarship support, or career placement.

## Policies and Boundaries

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**Are purchases refundable?**

Due to the digital nature of College Career Compass™ courses, purchases are generally considered final once course access has been granted. Refunds may be considered only in limited circumstances, such as duplicate purchases, accidental purchases, or technical access issues that cannot be resolved. Marketplace or ESA purchases may also be subject to the rules of the applicable program.

**Can course materials be shared with others?**

No. Course access is intended for the enrolled student only. Course materials, login credentials, downloads, worksheets, videos, activities, planning tools, and curriculum resources may not be shared, transferred, copied, resold, publicly posted, or distributed without written permission from College Career Compass™.

**Is College Career Compass™ therapy or counseling?**

No. College Career Compass™ courses are educational curriculum products. They are not therapy, counseling, clinical assessment, financial advising, legal advice, live tutoring, guaranteed college admissions services, guaranteed scholarship services, or guaranteed career placement services.

## Final Question

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**What is the main goal of College Career Compass™?**

The main goal of College Career Compass™ is to help students build clarity, confidence, and direction before making important decisions about college, careers, scholarships, and life after high school.

Students do not need to have life figured out. They do need direction. College Career Compass™ helps them begin building it through structured reflection, exploration, planning, and portfolio-based learning.