

## CollegeScope Content Review and Update Summary

Every chapter in the *CollegeScope<sup>®</sup>* 4<sup>th</sup> edition curriculum was reviewed in July 2025. Each page was evaluated to address the goals below with representative examples.

1. Correct outdated or time-sensitive data related to statistics, laws, education and labor data. Examples of changes:
  - Replaced outdated career exploration statistics with 2024 Gallup data on employee engagement, 2024 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data on education and income, and 2023–2033 BLS employment outlook projections.
  - Updated federal financial aid figures using the latest available National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) data (2021–2022), such as grant amounts.
  - Revised enrollment and labor market figures using NCES and BLS data, including provisional 2022 numbers.
  - Replaced the student spending habits infographic with updated visuals and data reflecting current spending trends.
  - Updated health and physical activity guidelines to align with the most recent recommendations from the U.S. government.
  - Modified references to the COVID-19 pandemic to reflect its historical, rather than current, relevance.
2. Review and revise content addressing topics such as education, diversity and inclusion, funding, and gender to ensure clarity, balance, and appropriateness within the current social and political landscape. Examples of changes:
  - Reframed an example of a doctor working in a refugee camp to instead feature a doctor working in a rural community health center, reducing potential political sensitivity around refugee policy.
  - Reworded a student services quote from “I know how my school can help me with financial aid, health or other services...” to “I am aware of the types of support services available at my school...” to soften the language amid debates over funding and school-based public services.
  - Added a disclaimer to the Title IX section acknowledging recent executive actions and ongoing legal and administrative reviews.
  - Noted 2025 court rulings that vacated recent Title IX regulations regarding LGBTQ+ protections.
  - Replaced outdated definitions issued by the now-defunct White House Task Force with more current, legally sound terminology.
  - Updated language surrounding consent, student rights and gender protections to ensure legal accuracy, inclusivity and alignment with 2025 policies.
  - Revised content on relationship abuse and digital consent to reflect contemporary understanding and terminology.

3. Update outdated technology references with tools and language more relatable to today's students. Examples of changes:
  - Replaced outdated communication examples such as “instant messaging or phone” with “texting, social apps and video call” to reflect current communication habits.
  - Incorporated references to platforms commonly used today, including TikTok, YouTube Shorts and GitHub.
  - Updated technology to reflect modern educational tools such as interactive whiteboards, learning management systems (LMS), mobile apps, and emerging technologies, including AI, machine learning, virtual reality, and mixed-reality learning environments.
  - Revised note-taking strategies to include digital methods supported by current research, such as stylus-based tablets and searchable notes.
4. Incorporate references to AI throughout the publication with reminders to check school policy first for AI use restrictions. Examples of changes:
  - Suggestions for using AI in academic contexts, including summarizing reports, brainstorming ideas, exploring majors and setting goals, with reminders to verify whether school policy permits AI use.
  - Mentioned the growing influence of emerging technologies such as AI and automation on industry trends and the evolving job market.
  - Noted student opportunities in AI through clubs, competitions and internships.
  - Added reference to AI-enabled wearables and sleep-tracking tools in wellness content.
5. Check, repair or replace broken or outdated links. Examples of changes:
  - Conducted a full link audit and replaced broken or outdated URLs.
  - Updated links to ensure they point to reliable and current sources.
6. Review and revise citations to reflect current research and trends, and to include the most authoritative sources available. Examples of changes:
  - Updated citations to reflect the most recent and credible research.
  - Replaced outdated or second-tier references with academic, nonprofit or government sources, where possible.
  - Reviewed linked studies for continued relevance and accuracy; updated as needed.

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