

NORTH DAKOTA CHOICE READY

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will require students and school districts to implement the **CHOICE READY** initiative at the High School level as part of the Accountability Plan for the District. This replaces the “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) reports under No Child Left Behind.

The North Dakota **CHOICE READY** framework is a tool to assist educators to ensure all students successfully depart high school possessing the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** necessary to be ready for life. The journey begins by ensuring students leave having the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** to be successful for whichever path they choose. Students shall then strive to be **POST-SECONDARY READY, WORKFORCE READY, and/or MILITARY READY**. The indicators in each section are outlined below.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

ALL STUDENTS WILL:

Earn a **North Dakota high school diploma** and complete a **9-week Career Education Course/Individual Career Counseling** (15.1-21-18), **Financial Literacy** (15.1-21-21), and pass **ND Civics Test** (15.1-21-27) and four or more additional Essential Skills indicators:

- ✓ 25 hours of Community Service – This is defined as any activity that benefits others and is not compensated time.
- ✓ 95% Attendance (not counting school related absences). Cannot miss more than 10 days of school (excused and unexcused combined)
- ✓ Work-based Learning Experience 75 Hours (Summer Youth Work Experience, Guest Speakers, Career Fairs)
- ✓ Two or more years in organized Co-Curricular Activities (Student Council, School Newspaper, Yearbook)
- ✓ Two or more years in organized Extra-Curricular Activities (Sports, Speech, Scouts, Peer Tutoring, Church Youth Groups)
- ✓ Successfully complete a Capstone Project
- ✓ Successfully complete an on-line learning course
- ✓ Demonstrate Competency in 21st Century Skills

ALL STUDENTS WILL THEN COMPLETE 2 OF THE 3 PATHWAYS LISTED BELOW:

PATHWAY 1: POST-SECONDARY READY

Complete a **Four Year Rolling Plan**, and earn an overall **2.8 GPA or greater** and complete one academic indicator set below:

- ✓ ACT/SAT minimum subsection scores:

ACT English – 18	SAT Reading/Writing – 480
ACT Reading – 22	SAT Math – 530
ACT Math – 21	
ACT Science – 23	

OR

Two or more additional indicators:

- ✓ Advanced Placement Course (A, B, or C)
- ✓ Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B, or C)
- ✓ Algebra II (A, B, or C)
- ✓ Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- ✓ International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- ✓ 3.0 GPA in core course requirement for NDUS admission
- ✓ **College Ready English and Math Course (CREAM)** – Reading/Writing OR Math Course (70% or greater)

PATHWAY 2: WORKFORCE READY

Complete a **Four Year Rolling Plan**, and complete two or more additional indicators:

- ✓ Complete three CTE courses (A, B, or C)
- ✓ Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)
- ✓ Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C)
- ✓ WorkKeys (Gold or Silver)
- ✓ Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
- ✓ Work-place Learning Experience (75 hours)
- ✓ **College Ready English and Math Course (CREAM)** – Reading/Writing OR Math Course (70% or greater)
- ✓ NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater

PATHWAY 3: MILITARY READY

Complete a **Four Year Rolling Plan**, **ASVAB score of 31 or greater** (as determined by branch), **Quality Citizenship** (no Expulsions or Suspensions), **Physically Fit**, and Complete **two or more** indicators from the **Post-Secondary** or **Workforce** options.