

NORTH DAKOTA CHOICE READY

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**.



ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Earn a North Dakota high school diploma

Complete a **9-week Career Education Course/Individual Counseling** (15.1-21-18), **Financial Literacy** (15.1-21-21), and pass **ND Civics Test** (15.1-21-27), **Computer Science/Cybersecurity Requirement** (15.1-21-02.2), and **four or more additional indicators**:

- 25 hours of Community Service
- Two or More Years in Organized Extra-Curricular Activities
- 95% Attendance (not counting school-related absences)
- Successfully Complete a Capstone Project
- Career Exploration Experience
- Successfully Complete an Online Learning Course
- Two or More Years in Organized Co-Curricular Activities
- Demonstrate Competency in 21st Century Skills
- Multicultural Awareness

Students shall then complete two or more of the **CHOICE READY** components below.



POST-SECONDARY READY

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

ACT / SAT minimum or subsections scores:

ACT English – 18

ACT Reading – 22

ACT Math – 21

ACT Science – 23

SAT Reading/Writing – 480

SAT Math – 530

or

Two or more additional indicators:

- Advanced Placement Course (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Algebra II (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- 3.0 GPA in core course requirement for NDUS admission
- CREAM (Eng./Math) Course (70% or greater)
- Complete three Fine Arts Courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)



WORKFORCE READY

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

- Complete three CTE courses or more (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)
- Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- WorkKeys (Gold or Silver)
- Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs)
- Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs)
- NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater
- Complete three World Language Courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)



MILITARY READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan** and obtain an **ASVAB score of 31 or greater** (as determined by branch), or acceptance into the military.

Quality Citizenship (No Expulsions/Suspensions)

Physically Fit (Successfully complete required PE courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2))

and

Complete **two or more** additional indicators from the **Post-Secondary** or **Workforce** options

or

Complete two credits of JROTC or Civil Air Patrol

or

Complete **two credits** in the Military Pathway Program, selecting from the following 1/2 credit courses:

- Intro to Military Careers
- Military Health & Fitness
- ASVAB Essentials
- Career Foundations in Military Leadership
- Military Leadership Capstone