

# North Dakota Choice Ready

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# What is Choice Ready?

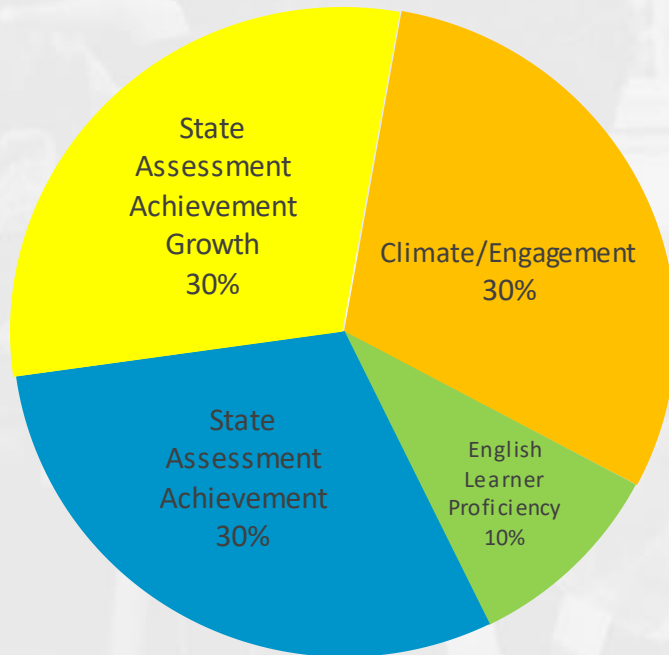
- Choice Ready is a component in the North Dakota accountability system to measure whether our high schools produce students who are ready for success upon graduation.
- The metrics outlined within the Choice Ready initiative are intended to measure growth for North Dakota high schools, as indicated by student readiness upon high school graduation.

# Student Growth Model

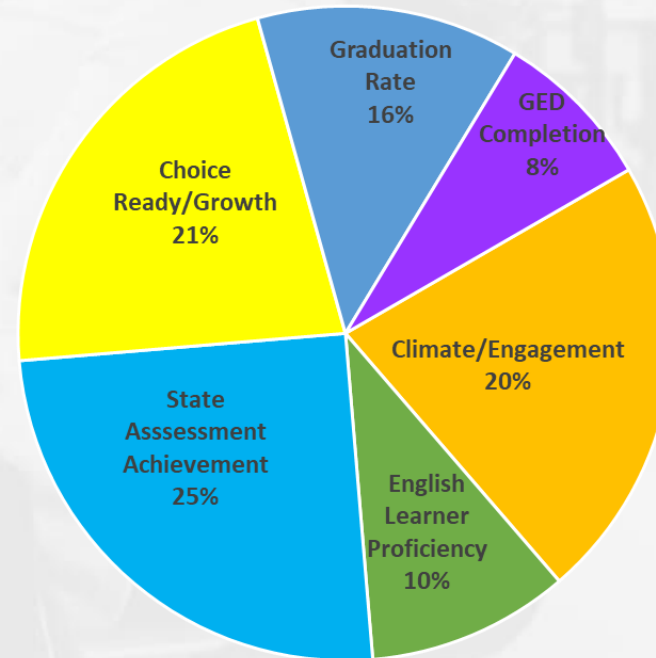
- North Dakota educators have requested to use student growth in the accountability system for many years.
- Under ESSA, all states are now able to incorporate growth into their accountability system.

# Student Growth Model Pie Charts

- Under ESSA, North Dakota will have a growth model at both the elementary and high school levels.



Elementary



High School

# Choice Ready Metrics

- The metrics within the Choice Ready initiative measure student readiness in multiple areas:



Possessing Essential Skills



Post-Secondary Ready



Workforce Ready



Military Ready



# Choice Ready Framework



## 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
- 95% Attendance (not counting school-related absences)
- Career Exploration Experience
- Two or More Years in Organized Co-Curricular Activities
- Two or More Years in Organized Extra-Curricular Activities
- Successfully complete a Capstone Project
- Successfully Complete an On-line Learning Course
- Demonstrate Competency in 21st Century Skills

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	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) (4, 3, or 2)
- Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (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 or (ACT for Accountability: English 19/Mathematics 22)
- Complete three World Language Courses A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)



### MILITARY READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan**, **ASVAB score of 31 or greater** (as determined by branch), or acceptance into the military. **Quality Citizenship** (No Expulsions/Suspensions), **Physically Fit** (Students who have successfully completed 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.



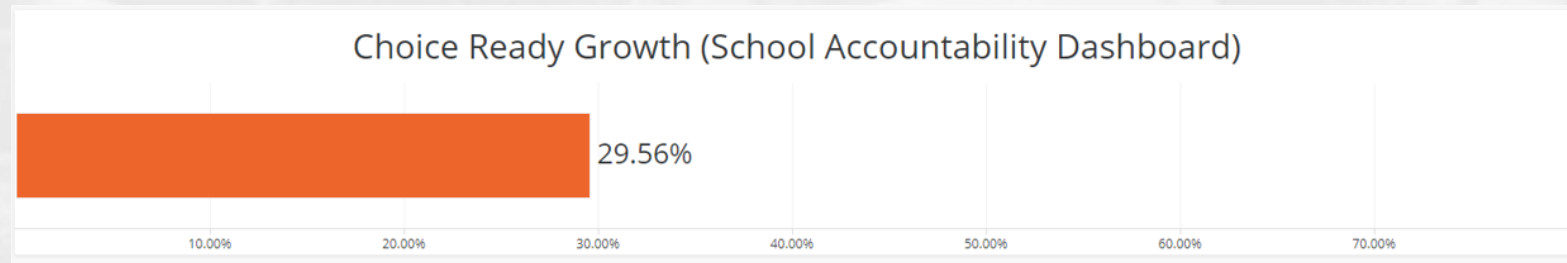


# Choice Ready Components & Reporting

- Ideally, all students would be Choice Ready in all three pathways. To be Choice Ready for accountability purposes, **students must be Choice Ready in two of three pathways.**
- The final due date to submit the 2023-2023 Choice Ready report was June 30, 2023. We are pleased to announce that 100% of our high schools completed and submitted this critical report.
- The Choice Ready report is 21% of your accountability report and is worth 129 points. Every public North Dakota high school must complete and submit a Choice Ready report to secure points in the accountability system.

# Choice Ready Results

- NDDPI is currently compiling Choice Ready data to include in the School Accountability report. Growth will be shown as a graphic:



- The Choice Ready measure is calculated based on year-over-year growth in the Choice Ready rates of a school's graduating classes.



# Choice Ready Benefits

- The Choice Ready initiative provides an opportunity for:



Schools to fare well in accountability determinations;



Students to graduate high school with the essential skills to be successful in their chosen path or plan to be explored later in life;



Parents to have their students take credit-bearing courses at a college or university – saving time and money.

# SB 2289: State Scholarship & Choice Ready

- Redefines the requirements for the state scholarship program and aligns the requirements to Choice Ready.
  - Has higher expectations of Choice Ready elements.
  - 3-year overlap (classes of 2022-2024), in which students can use either the old or new requirements.
    - **Starting with the Class of 2025, only the new requirements can be used.**
- Signed by Governor Burgum on April 20, 2021.
- HB 1305 of the 2023 Legislative Session added additional indicators as options to meet scholarship requirements.

# North Dakota Scholarship



## NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP as aligned to the Choice Ready Framework

The North Dakota Scholarship framework is a tool to assist educators in understanding the requirements of the ND Scholarship, as listed in North Dakota Century Code 15.1-21-02.10. Requirements begin with the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** section. Students shall then strive to be **POST-SECONDARY READY**, **WORKFORCE READY**, and/or **MILITARY READY**, according to the requirements listed below.



### ESSENTIAL SKILLS (15.1-21-02.10(5))

Check here when student has completed Essential Skills

- Earn a [North Dakota high school diploma](#)
- Complete a [9-week Career Education/Individual Counseling, 4-year Rolling Plan](#), pass [ND Civics Test](#), earn a [3.0 or higher overall GPA](#), and **four or more** additional indicators:
  - 25 hours of Community Service
  - 95% Attendance (not counting school related absences)
  - Career Exploration Experience
  - Two or more years in organized Co-Curricular Activities
  - Two or more years in organized Extra-Curricular Activities
  - Successfully complete a Capstone Project
  - Successfully complete an online learning course
  - Demonstrate competency in 21st Century Skills

Students shall achieve Essential Skills above, and complete **two or more** of the **CHOICE READY** components below to be eligible for the ND Scholarship.



Check here when student is Post-Secondary Ready

### POST-SECONDARY READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

ACT/SAT minimum composite score:

- ACT composite of 24, or
- SAT composite of 1180

and

**Two or more** additional indicators:

- Advanced Placement Course (A, B or C) (4, 3 or 2)
- Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B or C) (4, 3 or 2)
- 3 Fine Arts Courses (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)
- Algebra II (A, B or C) (4, 3 or 2)
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- 3.0 GPA in core course requirements for NDUS



Check here when student is Workforce Ready

### WORKFORCE READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

- 4 credits of CTE with 2 credits in same plan of study **OR** 3 credits of same world language, Indigenous language, or sign language
- ACT of 24, 5 or higher on all three WorkKeys tests, or SAT of 1180

and

**Two or more** additional indicators:

- Complete Career Ready Practices Course
- Dual Credit Course (A, B or C) (4, 3 or 2)
- Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
- Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs.)
- NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater, or ACT for Accountability: English 19/Mathematics 22 or greater



Check here when student is Military Ready

### MILITARY READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

- [ASVAB score of 50 or greater](#), or ASVAB score of 31 or greater and have completed Basic Training;
- [Physically Fit](#) - Have successfully completed required PE courses (A, B or C) (4, 3 or 2)

and

**One or more** additional indicators:

- Complete **two or more** additional indicators from the **Post-Secondary** or **Workforce** options:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 credits of JROTC
- Phase One of the Cadet Civil Air Patrol Program



# Questions to ask the Superintendent/Principal

- For 2022-2023, how many seniors were Choice Ready in each pathway?
  - Post Secondary Ready
  - Workforce Ready
  - Military Ready
- In 2022-2023, how many seniors graduated Choice Ready?
- What was the Choice Ready growth from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023?
- Who is the district's Choice Ready coordinator?
- Will school board members be provided with a presentation of accountability results and the Choice Ready growth results (when they are formally released)?

# How Can Board Members Get Involved?

- Opportunities to show growth include:
  - Expand options available to students
  - Build elements into the school day
  - Allow activities outside of school day
  - Complete Choice Ready reports throughout the year
  - Provide CREAM option to students
  - Partner with businesses and community
  - Create opportunities for students (i.e., restitution)