

Choice Ready Grants
Career Exploration Experience
North Dakota Career and Technical Education
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Choice Ready Grant Parameters

Who Can Apply:

1. High School Principals
2. CTE Administrators
3. Special Education Directors

Award Amounts: up to \$20,000 per application

Competitive: will be reviewed and scored

Application:

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Two Narratives
 - Describe activities in detail
 - Justify how the proposal will increase the number of Choice Ready graduates

The purpose of the grant is to:

- ✓ Build up the Choice Ready Assessment
- ✓ Enable more students to graduate Choice Ready



Choice Ready Framework – Essential Skills



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) 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



Career Exploration Experience

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Career exploration experiences are a wide variety of opportunities which are intended to build a foundation of essential skills students need as they pursue their chosen career. Career exploration experiences focus on providing career exploration opportunities. Career exploration experiences are not limited to but can include the following:

Examples of Career Exploration Experiences		
Industry Presentations ✓ Sax Electric ✓ HESS ✓ JET Prog ✓ Lynnes Welding ✓ Manufacturing Day ✓ Hands-on Day ✓ Guest Speakers	Career Fairs ✓ Futurepalooza ✓ Blue Collar Day ✓ Career Expos ✓ Scrubs Camp	Informational Interviews
Industry Tours	Career Forums	Job Shadows
Field Trips	Work Simulations	

Examples of Grant Funded Projects

- Host career exploration events
- Transportation costs for industry tours and field trips
- Staffing costs to kick start industry partnerships
 - Job Shadows
 - Work-based Learning Experiences
 - Internships
- Other Brainstorming Ideas?

Thank you and stay safe!

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