



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

An Overview of the Choice Ready Assessment Grant Opportunity

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Purpose

The purpose of today's training is to provide an overview of the Choice Ready Assessment Grant Opportunity.

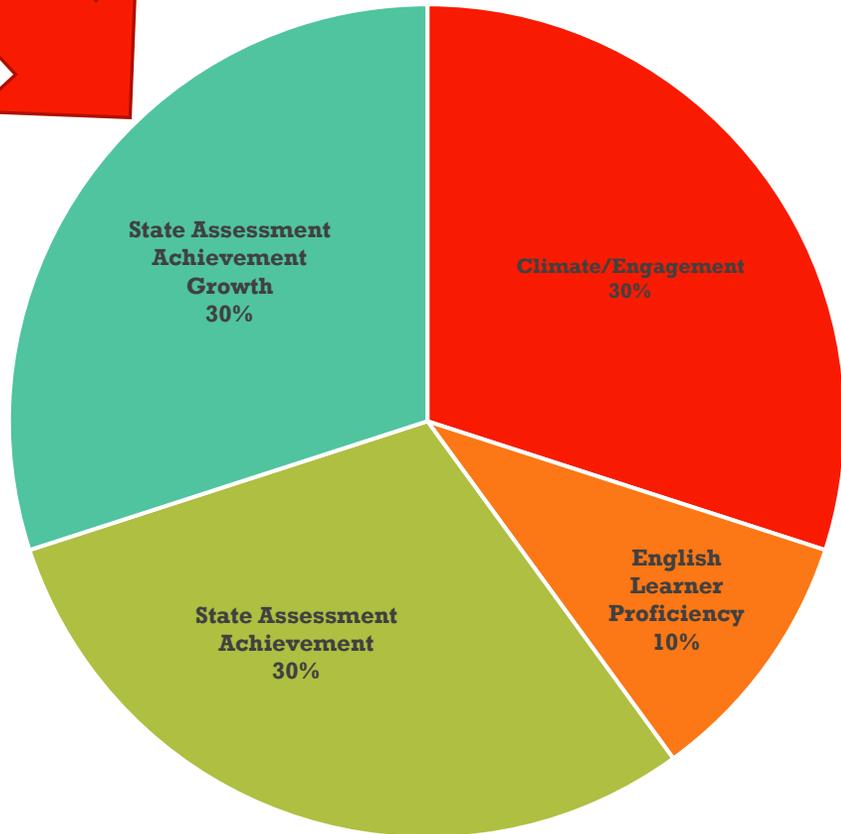
Choice Ready

Choice Ready is a key component in the North Dakota accountability system. Choice ready is designed to measure whether our high schools produce students who are ready for success upon graduation.

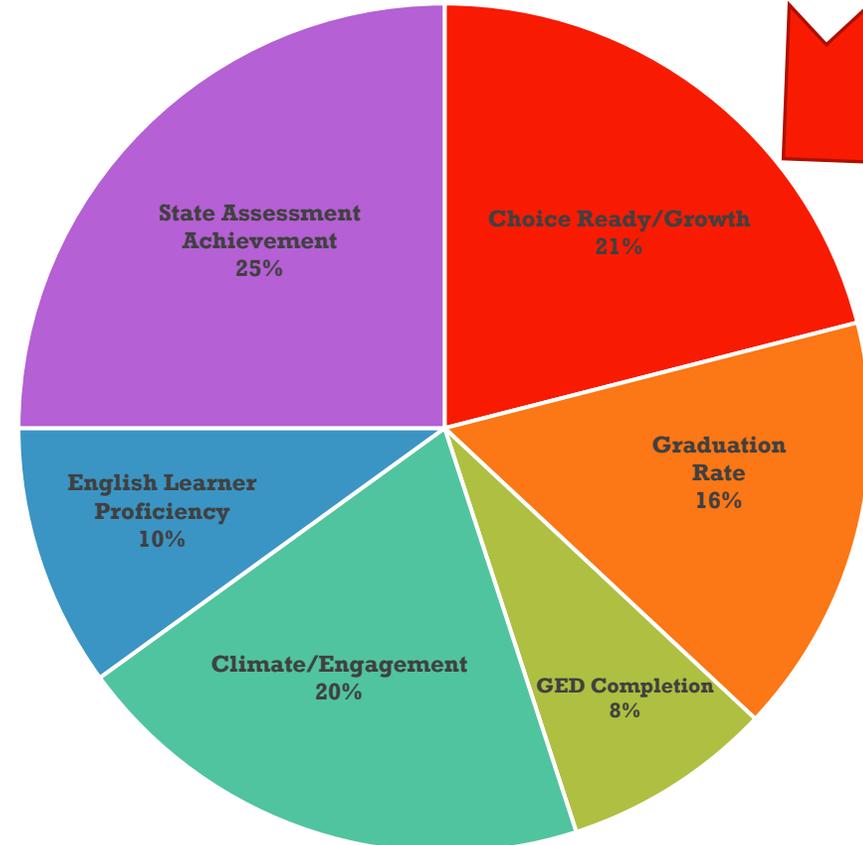
Student Growth Model

Under ESSA, North Dakota will have a growth model at both the elementary and high school levels. The metrics outlined within the Choice Ready initiative are intended to measure growth for North Dakota high schools.

Elementary (K-8)



High School (9-12)



School Opportunity

One of the key benefits of Choice Ready is that school personnel hold much of the power to the success of Choice Ready in their building. It is all about providing opportunities for students.

Purpose of Grant Opportunity

The Choice Ready Assessment Grants have a dual purpose. The funds must be used to:

- Build up the Choice Ready assessment;
- Enable more students to graduate Choice Ready.

Key Information

- **Who Can Apply:**
 - High School Principals
 - CTE Administrators
 - Special Education Directors
- **Award Amounts:**
 - Up to \$20,000 per application.
- **Competitive:**
 - Applications will be reviewed and scored.
- **Timeline:**
 - The timeline to incur expenses under the Choice Ready Assessment Grant is from May 25, 2021 through August 31, 2022.
- **Due Date:**
 - Choice Ready Assessment Grant Applications must be submitted by May 12, 2021.

Allowable Activities

Proposed activities that are designed to strengthen our Choice Ready assessment and/or allow more students to graduate Choice Ready are allowable. These would include activities aligned to the following components outlined in our Choice Ready Framework:

- Essential Skills
- Post-Secondary Ready
- Work Force Ready
- Military Ready
- Life Skills Ready (within Alternate Choice Ready chart)

Choice Ready Visual



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) 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 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) (1, 2, or 3)
- Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B or C) or (1, 2, or 3)
- Algebra II (A, B or C) or (1, 2, or 3)
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- 3.0 GPA in core course requirement for NDUS admission
- CLEM/CREAM (Eng./Math) Course (70% or greater)



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 (1, 2, or 3)
- Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)
- Dual Credit Course (A, B or C) or (1, 2, or 3)
- WorkKeys (Gold or Silver)
- Technical Assessment / Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
- Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs.)
- CLEM/CREAM (Eng./Math) Course (70% or greater)
- NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater or (ACT for Accountability: English 19/Mathematics 22)



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 (1, 2, or 3))

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

Choice
Ready
Assessment
Grant
Application

The application can be found on the NDDPI website.



Choice Ready Assessment Grant Scoring Rubric

The Scoring Rubric can be found on the
[NDDPI website](#).

In Summary:

We hope educators will consider applying for a Choice Ready Assessment Grant. This is an opportunity to prepare more students for post-graduation.

The NDDPI is hosting eleven trainings over the next three days to provide ideas, guidance, and answer questions on the grant opportunity.

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Questions?