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

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:

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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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