

## College and Career Readiness (CCR)

College and Career Readiness prepares students in reading, oral and writing communications, teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, workplace relations, computer skills, mathematics and much more to be successful in any and all future endeavors. In short, we are preparing students to look beyond filling their schedule with only the graduation requirements; they will be on a pathway to a career.

### Purpose

Early exposure to a variety of careers as well as providing students the tools to help determine interests and aptitudes and then assisting them in charting the course they wish to take will help to create a feeling of ownership of their education. Research has shown that the unemployment rate for those with post-secondary education is significantly lower than those with only a high school diploma.

## FAQ

**Q: Why start in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade?**

A: Career exploration begins early. The more formalized approach of CCR is due to our desire to see students succeed.

The latest ACT research indicates that the academic levels achieved by 8<sup>th</sup> grade have a large impact on College and Career Readiness. If we want to maximize College and Career Readiness, we need to intervene at the upper elementary and middle school levels.

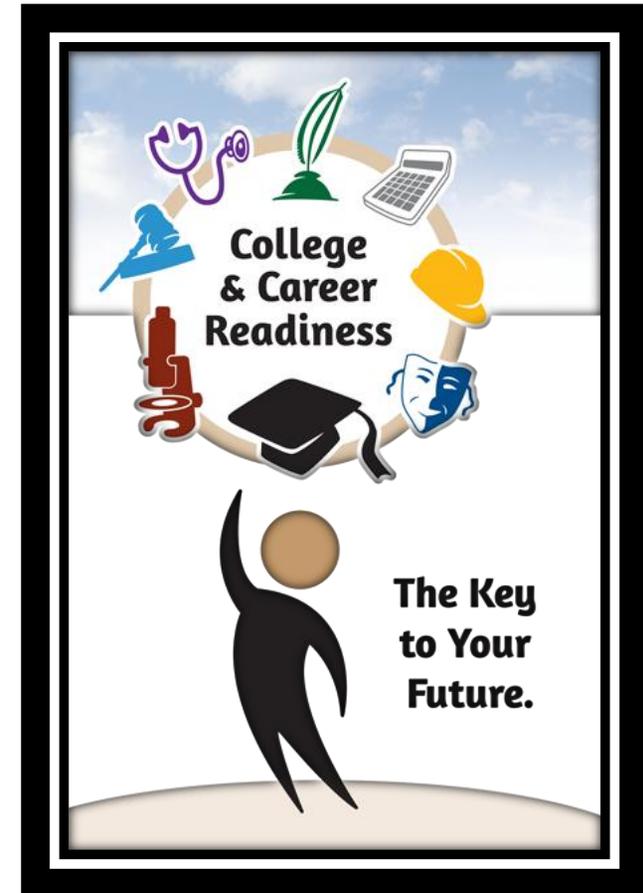
**Q: What if students don't want to do what the assessments suggest?**

A: If students already have a postsecondary plan, they need not change. However, they will still benefit from the CCR program as they can research the career they have selected and evaluate their own skills, interests and aptitudes.

**Q: If students change their minds, will they be able to change their pathways?**

A: Absolutely! Interests and skills can change and a student's pathway can be adjusted as necessary.

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School Counselor  
for more information*

## What is CCR?

Being “college ready” means being prepared for any postsecondary education or training experience, including study at technical colleges or two and four-year institutions leading to a postsecondary credential (e.g.: a certificate, license, Associate’s, Bachelor’s degree or higher).

Being “career ready” means being prepared for a career not just a job. A career provides a family-sustaining wage and pathways to advancement and requires postsecondary training or education. A job may be obtained with only a high school diploma, but offers no guarantee of advancement or mobility

## Student Plan...

Students will engage in different activities by grade level in order to assist them in determining skills and aptitudes as well as a future career goal.

Students will...

- use UtahFutures to take assessments and create a portfolio.
- meet with counselors and career coaches to evaluate and discuss chosen pathway.
- ACT, Plan, and Explore exams will be used to help identify possible career goal.

## Pathways

Each pathway encompasses a broad range of careers providing students with a direction rather than limiting them to one career choice.

There are 7 Pathways including:

- Arts
- Career and Technical Education
- Communication
- Life Science
- Math
- Physical Science
- Social Science

## Sample of Activities by Grade

6th grade- Investigate

- Begin portfolio
- Begin assessment on UtahFutures
- Exposure to a variety of careers

7th grade- Research

- Career development activities
- Add to portfolio
- Research careers

8th grade- Explore

- Explore test
- Development of 4 year plan

9th grade-

- Continued career activities

10th grade-

- Plan test
- Research occupations based on assessment results
- FAFSA forecaster

11th grade-

- Education research
- Develop next step goals
- Practice completing a college application
- Complete a scholarship and financial aid search
- Complete junior year college planning checklist
- Attend regional financial aid night or other financial aid seminars
- PSAT and ACT

12th grade-

- College and career preparation and application
- Complete in-depth occupation research project
- Complete education and job search application action plans
- Take ACT or SAT if necessary
- Apprenticeship and internships
- Attend job and career fairs
- Attend college fairs, and scholarship fairs.
- Complete FAFSA