

### College and Career Readiness (CCR) Indicator

Overall Framework: A student can qualify as college ready or career ready by meeting the below requirements. The gateway to each is either GPA or attendance, as noted below. From there, a student earns the designation by meeting one of the listed requirements.

The bar is set higher than South Dakota's current CCR measure, which requires meeting the Board of Regents benchmark on ACT, Accuplacer, or Smarter Balanced; or a certificate of any level on the NCRC. With that higher threshold comes more options.

Clarifying Points:

- The option to demonstrate college or career readiness is only available to students who graduate. *(Note: This includes all graduates in the year considered, but not high school equivalency-earners).*
- The benchmarks can be achieved at any point during a student's high school career, unless noted otherwise.
- GPA would be a student's cumulative high school GPA.
- Attendance would be calculated as the percent of days attended or excused out of enrolled days in a South Dakota public school.

#### **College Readiness**

Gateway: Cumulative GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0

Benchmarks: One or more of the following:

- English (18) and Mathematics (20) ACT sub-score
- Advanced/Proficient Scores on 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced Assessment
- Elementary Algebra (76 or higher) and Sentence Skills (86 or higher) for Accuplacer
- Advanced Placement Examination (3 or Higher)
- Advanced Placement Course (A, B or C)
- High School General Education Dual Credit and Concurrent Credit Completion (C or higher on all coursework)
- College Developmental/Remedial English and/or Math (A, B or C)

#### **Career Readiness**

Gateways (one of three):

- 94% attendance in final school year (equates to two weeks' vacation in the professional world)
- 94% attendance from the time first entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade until graduation
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0

Benchmarks: Choose Option 1, 2, 3, or 4:

1. CTE Concentrator
2. Two or more technical dual credit courses (A, B, or C)
3. NCRC certificate of Silver or above
4. Two or more of the below:
  - Completion of a Capstone Course (A, B, or C)
  - Completion of a CTE Foundational Course (A, B, or C)
  - Completion of one technical dual credit course (A, B, or C)

Schools could appeal Career Readiness with additional alternatives in combination with the attendance gateway. Schools would need to provide appropriate documentation that the experience or qualification has meaning to industry and was conducted under the direction of or with significant influence from the school.