College and Career Readiness: Preparing Students for 21st Century Work and Life
Really Ready: Preparing Middle and High School Students for College, Work and Life

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Overview

➢ Define *really ready* skills
➢ Share examples of the *really ready* skills
➢ Hear student success stories from the Director of EVSC Virtual Academy
What does it mean to be **Really Ready?**
College & work are rapidly changing

Work is quickly redefining what it means to be ready:

➢ 4 in 10 will be freelancers
➢ About 8 in 10 will manage projects
➢ We’ll all live with machine intelligence
➢ Lifelong learning is key
More than getting a diploma

**COLLEGE**

BY 2020

65%

of jobs will require a college education, yet only about **15% of Hispanic and 22% of African American students hold a four-year degree or higher.**

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**WORK**

4 in 10

of today’s students will be freelancers, often holding more than one job at once.

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**LIFE**

58%

of 291 hiring managers surveyed say the lack of soft skills among candidates “is limiting their company’s productivity.”

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1 Pew Research
2 *It’s a Project-Based World*
3 LinkedIn Study
Students need to be ready now
Really Ready Skills

➢ Communication
➢ Critical thinking
➢ Self-Directed
➢ Growth Mindset
➢ Social and Emotional Skills
Communication
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Community Conversations Yield Really Ready Agreement

➢ How has the world changed?
➢ What should grads know & be able to do?
➢ What kinds of experiences do kids need?
Marion City Schools

Portrait of a GRADUATE

Knowledge
- Transfer what has been learned to an individual life
- Prepared for success in postsecondary education, service and/or work
- Proficient in required curriculum and assessments in Ohio
- Competent in math, science, reading, and writing
- Competent in one dynamic career strand and able to provide evidence
- Socially aware and informed

Attitude
- Mindset of success locally & globally
- A Marion Graduate will...
  - Be responsibly engaged in the community
  - Take Initiative and show empathy
  - Be experienced in the community and in leadership roles
  - Persist in overcoming adversity
  - Understand the value of wellness

Skills
- Ability to successfully engage the world
- A Marion Graduate can:
  - Demonstrate literacy and communicate and collaborate effectively
  - Think critically about individual needs, the needs of others, able to problem solve
  - Manage time and work towards goals
  - Apply media to create, innovative and innovative
  - Reflect on experience and focus on growth and continuous improvement

The Leader in Me
Next Gen Learning Environment
Literacy Collaborative
Diploma+ Acceptance

Pillars of Marion
El Paso ISD
Houston ISD

Global Graduate Profile:
➢ A leader
➢ A skilled communicator
➢ A responsible decision maker
➢ Adaptable & productive
➢ A critical thinker
➢ A college-ready learner
How do we ensure all students develop the *Really Ready* skills?

➢ ELL students

➢ Advanced or Gifted students

➢ Students who need additional supports
Necessary Student Supports

➢ Pace and flexibility
➢ Options and choice
➢ Feedback and support
➢ Personalized pathways
➢ Motivation and recognition
Delivering on the promise with personalized online learning

➢ More engaged learners
➢ More learning happens
➢ More connected learning
Digital Curriculum Key Ingredient

➢ Rigorous, standards-based content builds critical thinking skills
➢ Using digital curriculum encourages self-directed learning
➢ Engaging digital content motivates and supports a growth mindset
➢ Supports & scaffolds (visuals, audio, real-life scenarios) develop communication and SEL skills
Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation

EVSC Overview video
Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation

➢ District serves over 22,000 students
➢ 16% students with special needs
➢ 44% students from a racial minority group
➢ 59% students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch

EVSC Overview video
EVSC Virtual Academy

➢ 3393 students have earned credits since 2010
➢ 512 seniors graduated from EVSC summer school in the last 6 years
➢ School@Home has 70 full-time students
➢ 60 enrolled are taking supplementary courses
EVSC Virtual Academy

➢ Full-time virtual or blended learning options
➢ Small group and one-on-one instruction
➢ Support academic, social and emotional needs of all students
EVSC Outcomes

Social & Emotional

Critical Thinking

Growth Mindset

Self Directed
EVSC Results

Graph 3: Average Pooled (ISTEP+) End of Course Assessment Scores

- Apex Learning Students: Mean Score 51.2 (n = 144)
- Non-Apex Learning Students: Mean Score 48.8 (n = 144)
The Apex Advantage
Committed to Student Achievement

➢ Graduate all students *Really Ready*
➢ More learning happens with active learning
➢ Actionable reports for data-informed instruction
➢ Success management for increased results

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Questions?
Thank You!

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