



Choice Ready

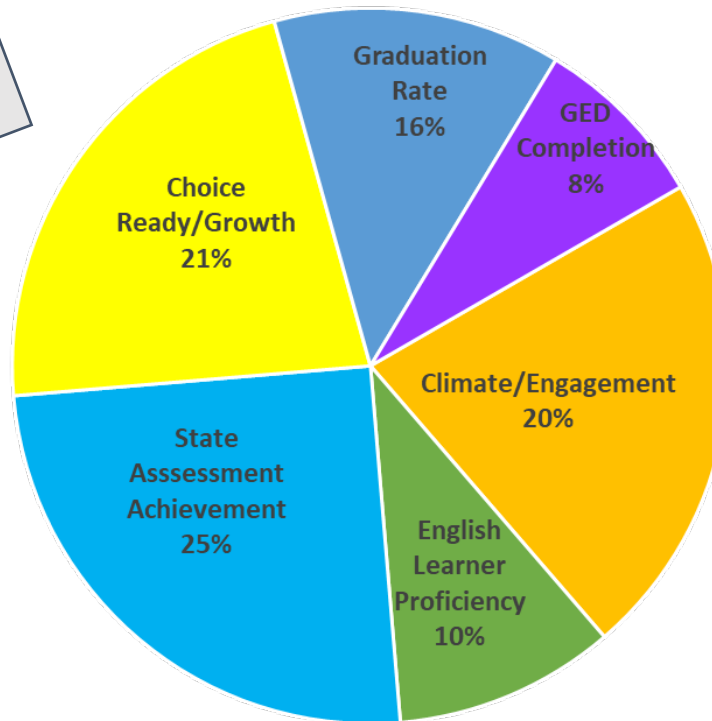
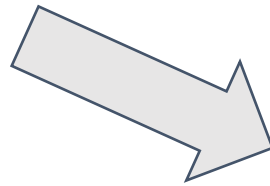
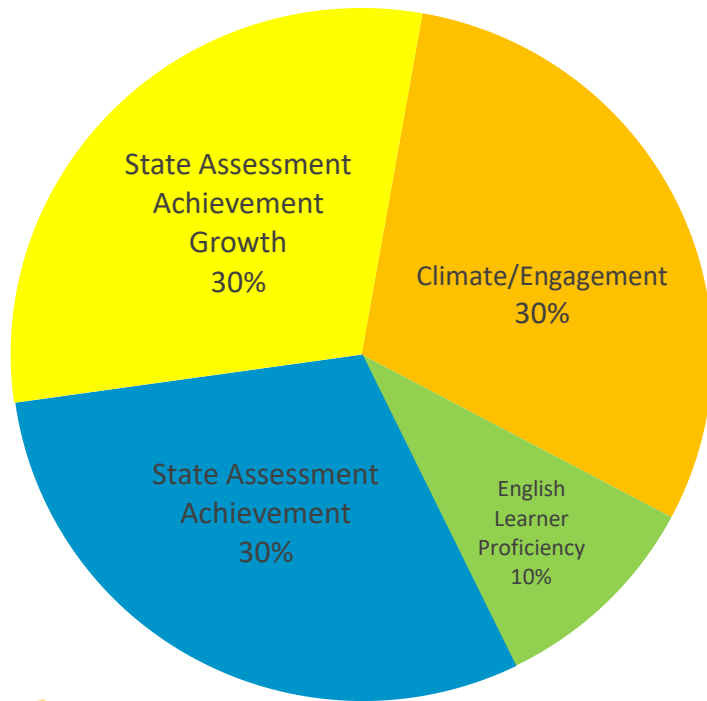
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Importance of Choice Ready

- Choice Ready is a key metric in the North Dakota accountability system and part of our statewide PK-12 strategic vision.
- Our vision states, “All students will graduate Choice Ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful.”
- Our goal today is to share key information with participants to facilitate knowledge and growth of our Choice Ready Framework.

Student Growth Model

Under ESSA, North Dakota has a growth model at the elementary and high school levels.



Consistent Growth Demonstrated

State Choice Ready Growth: 2017-2018	State Choice Ready Growth: 2018-2019	State Choice Ready Growth: 2020-2021	State Choice Ready Growth: 2021-2022	State Choice Ready Growth: 2022-2023	State Choice Ready Growth: 2023-2024
Choice Ready: 21.00%	Choice Ready: 36.00%	Choice Ready: 43.00%	Choice Ready: 61.00%	Choice Ready: 66.00%	Choice Ready: 70.59%

Choice Ready Goals

- Ideally, all students would be Choice Ready in all three pathways. For students to be Choice Ready for accountability purposes, students must be Choice Ready in two of three pathways.
- Our ultimate goal is to have our Choice Ready rate match our graduation rate.
 - ✓ Current graduate rate: 90%
 - ✓ Current Choice Ready rate: 70.59%

School Accountability Reports: Insights Dashboard

- Under ESSA, state education departments are required to annually create an accountability report for every public school in the state.
- The school accountability reports outline how schools are performing on the accountability elements North Dakota selected within its ESSA plan.
- The Choice Ready results are part of the accountability reports.

How and What Information Will Be Disseminated

The 2023-2024 school accountability reports under ESSA will be released in mid-August 2024. Listed below is a timeline showing the rollout of the process:

July – August	School accountability reports created
Mid-August	Correspondence disseminated for review of school accountability reports in STARS
Mid-August – early September	Accountability report question and answer period
Mid-September	Final school accountability reports made public on Insights dashboard

Recent Changes to Choice Ready Framework

The following changes have recently been made to the Choice Ready framework over the past year:

- Added a new computer science requirement documented in Choice Ready.
- Use of multiple years of data for accountability.
- Made Dual Credit within post-secondary readiness more flexible.
- Added Cultural Awareness to the framework.

Updated Charts

- Choice Ready
- Alternate Choice Ready
- State Scholarship
- Available on [NDDPI website](#)

Future Updates

- North Dakota's ESSA plan is a living document.
- Our state ESSA committee meets three times a year to discuss and make improvements and will be meeting again on September 12, 2024.
- Over the next year, we anticipate the following Choice Ready-related topics to be discussed:
 - ✓ Documenting the Four-Year Rolling Plan within RUMReady platform.
 - ✓ Adding military readiness options.

Focus Areas for 2024-2025

- We want to highlight those areas where growth is most needed.
- These will be the target areas for this year's Choice Ready grants.
- The focus areas include:
 - ✓ Essential Skills (online courses)
 - ✓ Post-Secondary Readiness (ACT tutoring and Dual Credit)

Recommendations

- The Choice Ready report for the fiscal year 2024-2025 school year will open in September, and we highly recommend that school personnel work on completing the report year-round. The final due date to submit your Choice Ready report is June 30, 2025.
- Training must occur annually, and permissions must be granted for SLDS access. Users who don't complete the training won't be able to access the Choice Ready report, so personnel should complete the report in September.
- Continue to increase options for students to demonstrate readiness.
- Take advantage of the opportunity to apply for Choice Ready services in the areas of ACT tutoring, Dual Credit, and online courses.

Today's Agenda

Participants will have the following opportunities:

- Overview of 2023-2024 Choice Ready data results.
- Recap of how to complete the Choice Ready report.
- Receive an update on the state scholarship.
- Presentation on Four-Year Rolling Plan.
- Discussion on funding for Choice Ready activities

QUESTIONS?

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Timeline

- ✓ Choice Ready Workshops held - August 12 & 14
- ✓ Complete applications – August 15 through September 5, 2024
- ✓ Applications due – September 6, 2024
- ✓ Applications Reviewed – September 9-20, 2024
- ✓ Approval notices disseminated – late September 2024
- ✓ Services can begin:
 - ACT tutoring – October 1, 2024
 - Dual Credit - January 1, 2025
 - CDE online courses – January 1, 2025