Future Ready School Dashboard

Purpose of the Dashboard

The Future Ready School Dashboard is a student- and family-facing tool designed to make career-connected school options easier to understand and compare. It brings together information about the opportunities students can access, the extent to which students participate in those opportunities, and the outcomes students achieve over time.

The dashboard is intended to empower students and families with clear, practical information as they make important decisions about school options. Career-connected schools may offer pathways, credentials, internships, dual enrollment, employer partnerships, and other experiences that are less familiar than traditional high school programming. Presenting this information in one place can lessen uncertainty and anxiety about exploring innovative options and help families identify the questions that matter most to them.

This is not intended to function as an accountability report or a replacement for required public reporting. It is a decision-support tool that translates verified information into a format students and families can readily use.

How Schools Should Use the Dashboard

Schools should complete the clean template using current, school-specific information and publish or share the completed dashboard wherever prospective and current students and families are likely to encounter it. The populated sample demonstrates the intended level of detail and presentation.

Use verified information. Use verified school records and/or publicly available data sources wherever appropriate. Do not present projections, estimates, or unverified claims as actual outcomes.

Identify the applicable year or cohort. Outcome data should clearly identify the school year, graduating class, or other cohort represented. Where the dashboard shows trends over time, use consistent definitions across years whenever possible.

Distinguish opportunity, access, and outcomes. An opportunity describes what is available; access shows whether and how students participate; outcomes show what students achieve or where graduates go next. Avoid treating availability alone as evidence of student participation or success.

Describe partnerships specifically. List workforce, employer, postsecondary, and community partners that have an active role in the student experience. Explain how students engage with each partner rather than listing organizations only as logos or names.

Make school information practical. Provide accurate information about transportation, costs, pathway selection, internships, scheduling, eligibility, and other details that may affect a family's ability to choose or participate in the program.

Use clear, family-friendly language. Avoid jargon as much as possible. When technical terms or credentials are necessary, provide enough context for a student or family member to understand why they matter.

Be transparent about unavailable data. If a measure is not collected, is not yet available, or cannot be verified, say so rather than leaving the reader to infer a result.

Update the dashboard regularly. Review the dashboard at least annually and update school information, partners, opportunities, participation data, outcomes, and links as needed.

Recommended Data Sources

Depending on the measure, appropriate sources may include the school's student information system; state or authorizer public reporting; graduation and enrollment records; credential-provider records; dual-enrollment or postsecondary partner records; internship and work-based learning placement records; graduate follow-up data; student surveys; and documented confirmation from employer, workforce, or postsecondary partners.

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