Increasing Career and College Readiness: Putting Kids on the Path to Jobs

Opportunity 180 drives towards a North Star of every kid graduating from high school college and career ready, prepared to live the life they dream.

To support our North Star, we are advocating for an ecosystem where every single kid has a high-quality, free public education and is not limited in opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Our priorities for the 2023 Legislature center on our North Star, working with and through the community to ensure student outcomes are the focus of education policy and among stakeholders.

<u>Where We Are:</u> Only 26% of Nevada's 2022 high school graduates earned a College and Career-Ready (CCR) diploma, which ensures they are ready to enter the workforce or enter college. Currently, each individual student is automatically enrolled in a standard diploma must "opt-in" to the CCR diploma.

<u>What Can Change:</u> Enrolling high school students automatically into the College and Career Readiness diploma track, rather than the standard diploma track for graduation, will provide an additional level of coursework that better prepares students for college and/or career. It will help ensure students transition from high school to their next step with a greater foundation for success. A 2023 survey found that 91% of respondents agreed that every student should graduate from a Nevada high school with a diploma that ensures they are prepared for the workforce.

<u>Why It Matters</u>: The CCR diploma provides an additional level of coursework that better prepares students for the jobs of Nevada's future. This additional coursework will help ensure students transition from high school to their next step with a greater foundation for success - ready to meet the demands of tomorrow's economy.





