College Readiness:
Developing Skills for Postsecondary Success in the High School Curriculum
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Defining College Readiness

• What does it mean to be “ready” for college?

• College *eligibility* is not the same as college *readiness*.

• More than just “getting in”
College Readiness is...

- Knowledge About Postsecondary Education
- Self-Management Skills
- Content Knowledge
- Cognitive Strategies
Dimension 1: Key College Knowledge

- Choosing a College
- Admission Process
- Financial Aid
- Adjusting to College Life
Dimension 2: Key Self-Management Skills

• The ability to:
  – Study
  – Manage time
  – Be aware of one’s performance
  – Demonstrate persistence with difficult tasks
  – Set & achieve academic and personal goals
Dimension 3: Key Content Knowledge

- Key terms and terminology
- Factual information
- Linking ideas
- Organizing Concepts
- Technical knowledge and skills
- Challenge level
Dimension 4: Key Cognitive Strategies

- Formulates the problem
- Accesses information
- Interprets information and data
- Communicates the solution
Postsecondary Education Resources

- Arizona Board of Regents Website
  - [http://www.azregents.edu/studentsandparents/default.aspx](http://www.azregents.edu/studentsandparents/default.aspx)
  - Access resources and information on state university admissions, costs of attendance, financial aid, minority student resources, parent groups, residency, and more

- ASU’s “Prepare for College” Poster, Post Cards by Grade Level
  - [www.asu.edu/access](http://www.asu.edu/access)
  - Broken down by grade-level with “to-do” checklists
  - You can request an event, download additional college readiness resources, and connect with the Access ASU staff

- ASU Undergraduate Admissions
  - [http://students.asu.edu/admission/freshman](http://students.asu.edu/admission/freshman)
  - Access the ASU application, freshman requirements, steps for enrollment, and additional links, including a degree search of ASU’s 250+ majors, in which students can compare coursework in similar majors and see career opportunities

- ASU Financial Aid Website
  - [http://students.asu.edu/costs-finances](http://students.asu.edu/costs-finances)
  - Information on financial aid and scholarships as well as a cost calculator for in state and out of state students – both undergraduate and graduate
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