Post-Secondary Readiness (PSE): More Than Just Academic Knowledge

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Key cognitive strategies:  
Key content knowledge:

College Readiness System  
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Academic behaviors:  
College knowledge:

COLLEGE READY  

Classroom instruction based on best practices  
Professional training for teachers to increase rigor  
College and Career Readiness Curriculum for ALL students
Secondary college-readiness curriculum example

**Freshmen year.**
- Academic Record – GPA, class rank, college recommended courses, 4-year HS plan, college tests, dual credit classes, college prep classes
- Knowledge of college and career pathway options
- Knowledge of personal interests and skills and related pathways
- Create personal goals and aspirations

**Sophomore year.**
- Explore interests and participate in Career Day opportunities; attend college nights
- College information – research college; check admission terms, application requirements and timelines; college majors; financial literacy overview
- Academic Record – dual credit classes, college prep classes, class rank, GPA, take the PSAT
- Evaluate personal goals and aspirations
- Study tips, time management, self-awareness: how we learn

**Junior year.**
- Career Cruising registration in the fall; career exploration
- College information – admission terms, college majors, research scholarships, financial literacy options
- Attend college and financial aid events
- Set goals for postsecondary options
- Choosing a college – determine your criteria, consider your options, request admissions and financial aid forms, college website navigation
- Academic Record – dual credit classes, college prep classes, class rank, GPA, PSAT/NMSQT in fall, register for SAT/ACT in the spring
- Explore college career options
- College and high school differences
- TSI importance
- ACT/SAT

**Senior year.**
- Complete the ApplyTexas online application and create college essays in the fall
- Choosing a college – determine your criteria, make college visits, consider all options; make a list of deadlines for all schools; submit application before the deadline
- College information – complete the FAFSA in November, scholarships, financial literacy options
- Attend a financial aid event
- MAC Grant and scholarships completed by December
- Complete college applications in the fall
- Career Prep and Resumes
- Spring – send high school transcripts to the colleges of interest
- College knowledge – time management, study skills, housing scenarios
- Budgeting, managing loans, and credit cards

*Note: Minnesota Office of Higher Education; Texas College and Career Readiness Profile Planning Guide; Texas College and Career Readiness Standards; Texas Education Agency Graduation Toolkit.*