



# Nebraska Career Readiness Standards

## *Middle School Indicators*

Grades 6 - 8

<b>1. Applies appropriate academic and technical skills</b>	Academic Attainment	Identify how education achievements affect future choices regarding courses, programs, college and career options.
	Technical Skill Attainment	Learn and practice technical skills in CTE courses, CTSOs and workplace learning experiences.
	Strategic Thinking	Apply reason and logic to thinking process to arrive at solutions to problems.
<b>2. Communicates effectively and appropriately</b>	Writing	Communicate information to audiences in a variety of writing formats.
	Speaking	Speak to and have conversations with peers and adults to express ideas while respecting differing opinions.
	Presentations	Communicate information with technology using slides organized to present research or data gathered from outside sources.
	Professional Etiquette	Understand differences of acceptable manners, personal appearance, communication styles and cell phone use at school or workplaces compared to personal leisure time.
	Customer Service	Engage politely to help and work with others in a variety of situations.
<b>3. Contributes to employer and community success</b>	Personal Responsibility	Anticipate consequences of being responsible or not being responsible for self at home, at school and in workplace situations.
	Meets Workplace Expectations	Evaluate self for strengths and weaknesses of skills which are expected both at school and at workplaces.
	Civic Responsibility and Service	Describe the community benefits and individual benefits of participating with other citizens to accomplish goals in the community.
<b>4. Makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them</b>	Perceptiveness	Recognize that negative issues can be opportunities to design new solutions.
	Problem Solving	Combine creative and critical thinking to generate options, then prioritize possible solutions to try.
	Perseverance/Work Ethic	Realize setbacks can be a normal part of learning and not to give up.
<b>5. Uses critical thinking</b>	Critical Thinking	Demonstrate thinking skills of prediction and evaluation in order to make informed decisions.
	Decision Making	Explain why good decision making is important to school and workplace success.
	Adaptability	Use knowledge, skills and attitudes required to adjust to change while continuing to achieve in school and activities.

<b>6. Demonstrates innovation and creativity</b>	Creativity	Develop creative thinking by using imagination.
	Innovation	Generate and apply a new idea while being aware that failure is an opportunity to make the idea better.
<b>7. Models ethical leadership and effective management</b>	Leadership	Develop interpersonal skills to work with and motivate a group to achieve goals.
	Ethics	Employ strategies for resisting pressures to engage in unsafe or unethical activities.
	Management	Demonstrate confidence to set priorities, stay on task and complete assignments on time.
<b>8. Works productively in teams and demonstrates cultural competency</b>	Teamwork	Seek opportunities to be part of teams during school and in after school activities.
	Conflict Resolution	Apply conflict resolution skills to deescalate situations and resolve differences.
	Social & Cultural Competence	Show respect, tolerance and positive relationship skills with different social and cultural groups.
<b>9. Utilizes technology</b>	Data Gathering, Access & Management	Use Internet browser, search engines and on-line directories; compare the differences to explain how results are ranked.
	Tools & Applications	Provide examples of how business/industry leverage the power of using technology to solve problems, create solutions and develop products.
	Technology Ethics	Analyze and explain how media and data can be used to distort, exaggerate and misinterpret information.
<b>10. Manages personal career development</b>	Planning	Review college and career options, entrance requirements, financial aid and explore best fit; develop a personal learning plan (PLP).
	Job Seeking	Use effective interviewing strategies while participating in a mock interview.
	Resumes, Portfolios & Interviews	Develop a resume and save in career portfolio.
	Professional Development	Initiate self-directed learning to achieve college and career goals.
	Entrepreneurship	Generate ideas and community needs for business ownership in each of the career clusters.
<b>11. Attends to personal and financial well-being</b>	Personal Well-Being	Practice healthy social, emotional and physical habits to reduce stress and maintain wellness.
	Financial Well-Being	Create a budget to save for goals and reduce spending by understanding the difference between wants and needs.

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