



# Aspiration into Action

## MSD of Decatur Township College and Career Readiness Department

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### Upcoming Events across the District:

- ◆ High School Programs Preview (AP, Dual-credit, PLTW, Area 31) at Middle School—**November 18** 6:00 pm @ DMS
  - ◆ Open Houses for SLC programs at DCHS and DTSE—**November 20** and **December 4**  
DTSE 5:00—7:00 pm  
DCHS 6:00—8:00 pm  
◊Naviance Registration
- Area 31 Career Center will be onsite to present information about their programs



AREA 31 CAREER PROGRAMS

<http://www.wayne.k12.in.us/area31/>

### What does it mean to be College and Career Ready?

“Students who are ready for college and career can qualify for and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing college courses leading to a baccalaureate degree, a certificate, or a career pathway-oriented training program *without the need for remedial* or developmental coursework.”

*Getting Ready for College, Careers, and the Common Core*; Conley, 2014

#### Indiana Department of Education definition of College and Career Ready

“College and Career Ready means an individual has the knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed in post-secondary education and economically-viable career opportunities.”

As a result of Public Law 31-2014 [SEA 91] Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has adopted new College and Career Ready **Academic Standards** in every subject

and grade level. The law defines College and Career Ready **Standards** as: “the standards that a high school graduate must meet to obtain the requisite knowledge and skill to transition *without remediation* to post-secondary education or training, and ultimately into a sustainable career.”

### STATISTICS

#### on Post-Secondary Education and Remediation

By 2018, **63%** of jobs in the U.S. will require post-secondary education or training.

**36%** of all students who graduate and enroll in post-secondary education end up in *remedial* Math and/or English.

**Remediation** costs the United States **\$5.6** billion each year.

Source: [www.businessandeducation.org](http://www.businessandeducation.org)

## The new definition of “College”

Decatur Township has made great strides in creating a “college going culture” within our schools. In the past we’ve partnered with **College Summit** who brought to our students the senior Peer Leader summer workshop experience. These students, equipped with leadership skills have influenced many of their peers over the years. We also implemented the College Summit curriculum in grades 9 -12. Students became much more conscious of what it would take to “Go” to college. Now we have to be sure students are “*Ready*.” For many of us, when we hear the word “college,” our minds instantly go to visions of IU and Purdue; 4-year educational institutions with the traditional campus life and bachelor’s

degrees. In Indiana and across the nation there is a middle skills gap that cannot always be satisfied with the education and training received by achieving a 4-year degree. We need to re-define the term “college.” We cannot ignore post-secondary education opportunities such as apprenticeships and industry certifications that lead to high demand well-paying jobs, especially in the middle skill career areas. Many of these post-secondary educational programs are tied directly to colleges such as Ivy Tech, Vincennes, ITT, etc...but they do not require a 4-year degree. The new definition of “College” is: **Post-secondary educational experience.**