

STATEWIDE WORKING OR OFFICIAL DEFINITIONS OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS AND SUCCESS, BY STATE

State	Delaware	District of Columbia	Maryland	New Jersey
Definition	Each Delaware student will graduate college- and career-ready. Students will be prepared to successfully plan and pursue an education and career path aligned to their personal goals, with the ability to adapt and innovate as job demands change. Students will graduate with strong academic knowledge, the behaviors and skills with which to apply their knowledge, and the ability to collaborate and communicate effectively. Each student should be an independent learner, and have respect for a diverse society and a commitment to responsible citizenship	We have adopted David Conley’s definition of college- and career-readiness as “the level of preparation a student needs in order to enroll and succeed—without remediation—in a credit bearing course at a postsecondary institution that offers a baccalaureate degree or transfer to a baccalaureate program, or in a high-quality certificate program that enables students to enter a career pathway with potential future advancement.”	College- and career-readiness includes mastery of rigorous content knowledge and the abilities to apply that knowledge through higher-order skills to demonstrate success in college and careers. This includes the ability to think critically and solve problems, communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and be self-directed in the learning process. More specifically, a student who is college- and career-ready should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared to succeed in credit-bearing postsecondary introductory general education courses or in an industry certification programs without needing remediation; • Be competent in the <i>Skills for Success (SFS)</i> including learning, thinking, communication, technology, and interpersonal skills; • Have identified potential career goal(s) and understand the steps to achieve them; and • Be skilled enough in communication to seek assistance as needed, including student financial assistance. 	“knowledge and skills that high school graduates must possess in English and mathematics – including, but not limited to, reading, writing, communications, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving – to be successful in any and all future endeavors” (adopted definition from American Diploma Project).
Source	<i>College and Career Readiness Subcommittee of P-20 Council</i>	<i>District of Columbia ESEA Waiver Application</i>	<i>MD ESEA Waiver Application, Feb 28, 2012</i>	http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/readiness.pdf