

# Academic and CTE Scholarship Updates

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Including Updates from 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

# Objectives

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- Brief overview of current Academic/CTE Scholarship Requirements
- Discuss impact that bills from the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will have on the scholarship
- Discuss the new North Dakota Scholarship created by SB 2289
- Answer any questions

# General Qualifications for Academic or CTE Scholarship

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- Qualifications for the scholarship are based on:
  - High school grade point average ( 3.0)
    - No grades lower than a C
  - Composite ACT Score (24) or WorkKeys Score (5)
  - Courses taken in high school
  - Residency



# Basic Course Requirements- Academic and CTE Scholarships

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- Students must meet all course requirements for high school graduation
- Students must also successfully complete some courses above and beyond those required for graduation
  - CTE Scholarship- heavier focus on Career and Technical Education Classes
  - Academic Scholarship- heavier focus on college level course work
  - Total of 22 credits

# Summary of Courses Required for Scholarship Beyond Graduation Requirements

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## Academic Scholarship

- 1 credit Algebra II
- 1 credit of math for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
- One of the following:
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  credit dual credit class
  - 1 full credit AP class AND the AP exam
- One of the following
  - 2 credits of same foreign language
  - 2 credits CTE in the same CTE coordinated Plan of Study

## CTE Scholarship

- 1 credit Algebra II
- 4 credits of CTE
  - 2 of those credits in the same CTE Coordinated Plan of Study

# 2021 Legislative Bills that Impact the Scholarship

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- HB 1083- relating to C or better requirement for Spring 2020 classes
- HB 1135- relating to proficiency-based grading and the scholarship
- SB 2136- relating to math requirement, teacher pathway, and trade schools
- SB 2141- relating to the SAT test being allowed for the scholarship
- SB 2289- aligns scholarship requirements to Choice Ready
  - Three-year overlap: Classes of 2022-2024 may use either the old or new requirements

# House Bill 1083

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- Removes the C or better requirement for the scholarship for courses taken second semester of 2019-2020 school year
  - Due to quick adjustment to distance learning at beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - **ONLY** applies to second semester 2019-2020!!
- Signed by Governor Burgum March 25
- **WILL NOT** be reflected in eTranscript

# House Bill 1135

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- Allows a proficiency-based grading scale as part of an innovative education program approved by DPI to count for the scholarship
- Signed by Governor Burgum April 19

# Senate Bill 2136

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- Revises some scholarship requirements
  - Allows Integrated Math II (11052) or Integrated Math III (11053) to replace Algebra II for CTE Scholarship
  - General Education Teacher Pathway from 3 credits to 2 credits
- Allows the scholarship to be used at professional career schools
- Signed by Governor Burgum March 22

# Senate Bill 2141

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- Allows an SAT score of 1180 or higher to be used in lieu of the ACT testing requirement for either the Academic or CTE Scholarship
- Does several things related to assessment unrelated to the scholarship (explained next slide)
- Signed by Governor Burgum on March 29

# Senate Bill 2141 (Cont.)

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- Does several things related to assessment
  - Removes the requirement that all juniors must take the ACT or WorkKeys
  - State will no longer pay for juniors ACT or WorkKeys (unless for accountability)
  - Removes language regarding interim assessments
  - Calls for NDDPI to conduct a study on interim assessments during the 2021-2022 interim, and report to any findings and/or potential legislation for the 2023 legislative session
- Visit with Stan Schauer, NDDPI Director of Assessment, with questions on these items at 701-328-2224

# Senate Bill 2289

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- Aligns scholarship requirements to the Choice Ready requirements
  - Similar to the choice ready requirements, but with rigor similar to the current scholarship requirements
- New Scholarship will be called the **North Dakota Scholarship**
- Signed by Governor Burgum on April 19

# SB 2289 (Cont.)

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- Timeline:
  - Classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024: students may use **EITHER** the current or new requirements
  - Class of 2025: students will only be able to use the new requirements
- We will go over the new requirements for the remainder of the presentation

# Summary of the North Dakota Scholarship

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As called for by SB 2289

# General Summary

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- Requirements are aligned to Choice Ready, but are **above and beyond** the requirements of Choice Ready
- A chart similar to the Choice Ready Chart will be developed later this summer, as well as guidance

# Purpose of the North Dakota Scholarship

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- The purpose is to align our scholarship with our strategic vision of students graduating Choice Ready
  - Every student that gets the scholarship would be Choice Ready, but not every student that is Choice Ready would get the scholarship
  - We want the answer to be more than just “I need this to qualify for the scholarship”

# ND Scholarship Beginning Requirements

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- Individual Consultation/9-week Career Course
- Civics Exam
- Four-Year Rolling Plan
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Essential Skills ( 4 of the 8)

# North Dakota Scholarship Components

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- Students must meet two of the three components
  - Post-Secondary Ready
  - Workforce Ready
  - Military Ready
- These will be more rigorous than the corresponding components for Choice Ready

# Essential Skills ( 4 of the 8)

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- 25 hours of community service
- 95% attendance ( excluding school activities)
- Career exploration experience
- 2 years organized co-curricular activity
- 2 years extra-curricular activity
- Capstone project
- Online learning course
- Demonstrate competency in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills (4 C's)

# Post-Secondary Ready

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- ACT score of 24 or above (or 1180 on SAT)
- Two of the following:
  - Grade of C or higher in an AP course
  - Grade of C or higher in a dual credit English or math course
  - Grade of C or higher for one credit of Algebra II
  - Score of 3 or higher on an AP exam
  - Score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam
  - GPA of 3.0 or higher amongst courses required for NDUS admission

# Workforce Ready

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- 4 credits of CTE, with 2 credits in the same Coordinated Plan of Study
- Meeting one of the following testing requirements:
  - ACT score of 24 or higher
  - WorkKeys scores of 5 or higher ( for all three WorkKeys tests- Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, Workplace Documents)

# Workforce Ready ( Cont.)

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- Two of the following:
  - Career ready practices
  - Grade of C or higher in a dual credit course
  - Technical assessment or industry credential
  - 40-hour workplace learning experience
  - 40-hour work-based learning experience
  - One of the following
    - NDSA score of 3 or higher in both reading and math
    - ACT score of 19 in English and ACT score of 22 in math ( if ACT used for accountability)

# Military Ready

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- Score of 85 or higher on ASVAB
  - Unless completed basic training, and if so, an ASVAB score of 31 will suffice
- Grade of C or higher in a physical education course
- Complete one of the following
  - Two indicators from the 6 additional indicators under Postsecondary Ready
  - Two indicators from the 6 additional indicators under Workforce Ready

# Summary of Requirements Above and Beyond Choice Ready

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- 3.0 Overall GPA
- 24 on the ACT for Post-Secondary Ready Option
- 24 on ACT or 5 or higher on WorkKeys for Workforce-Ready Option
- 4 credits CTE, 2 in same plan of study for Workforce-Ready Option
- ASVAB score of 85 for Military-Ready Option
- CREAM/CLEM Classes cannot be used for Post-Secondary Ready or Military Ready

# Current Academic Scholarship Requirements Not Included in the New Requirements?

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- No Algebra II requirement ( but is an option)
- No math course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite required
- No foreign language requirement
- No dual credit/AP requirement ( but is an option)

# Timeline for Implementation

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- Classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024: students may use **EITHER** the current or new requirements
- Class of 2025: students will only be able to use the new requirements

# eTranscript and Scholarship Application

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- We are currently working with North Dakota ITD to determine the best path going forward for eTranscript, the scholarship application, etc. with the new scholarship requirements
- We will keep you posted!

# Individual School Presentations

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- I am willing to do scholarship presentations for students and/or parents
  - Face-to-face or virtual, whichever you prefer!
  - During the school day, in the evening, or both!
- If interested in having a presentation for your school, get in contact with Jim Upgren

# ACT Superscores

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- ACT is now issuing Superscores!
  - A superscore combines a student's best English, math, reading, and science scores into one score for students that have taken the ACT more than once
- Starting with the graduating class of 2021, students may use an ACT superscore to meet the requirement of earning a 24 or higher
- The superscore must come from ACT!
  - Can't be a hand calculation of the regular ACT scores
  - Student has to select that they wish to have a superscore at the time they apply to take the test

# QUESTIONS?



# Please Contact me with Questions!

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