

Lesson 11 – When is the Right Time to Start Planning for College and Career?

Introduction

Do you remember that college and career readiness model that broke out into the Four Keys? We learned about the Four Keys earlier, and they're popping up again in this lesson. Don't worry; we'll go over them again.

The Four Keys are especially important to think about during this lesson because we're going to talk about *when* students should start planning for college and careers, and that question has a lot of moving parts. We've talked about Programs of Studies and graduation plans, and those are important planning components, but to truly integrate college and career readiness throughout the school, the district, and the entire K–12 system, we need to look at the Four Keys again. We need to think carefully about how and where students encounter opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills associated with each Key; it's not always in the places you would expect.

You'll need to go online during this lesson, so make sure you're ready to open a browser window and take some notes.