

# CAREER EDUCATION

The Grand Forks Public School  
Model

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Based on the National Career  
Development Guidelines Framework

America's Career Resource Network

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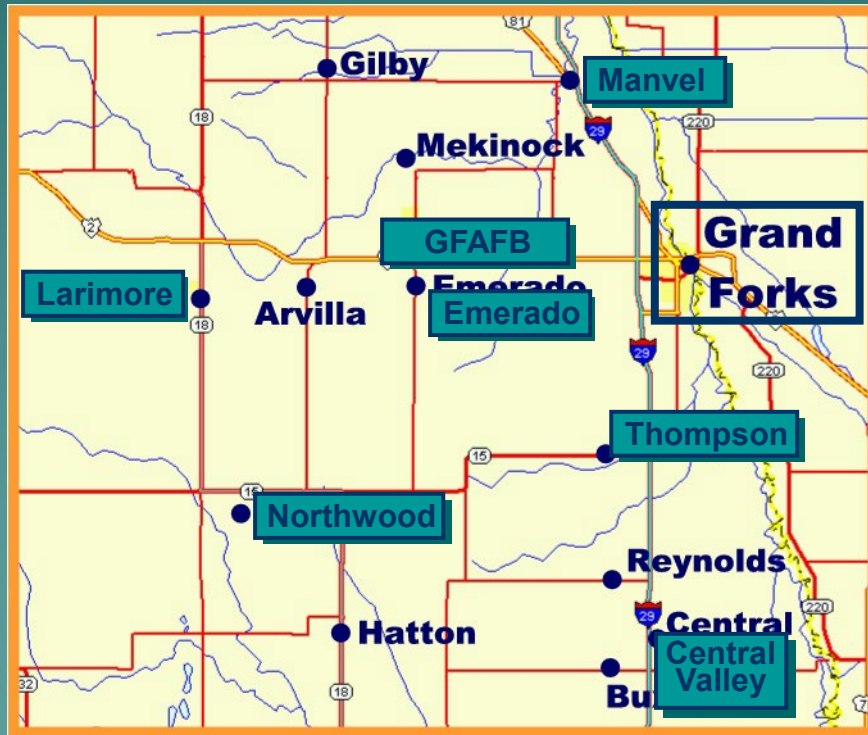
# Grand Forks Career & Technical Education Consortium/ Job Service North Dakota

School-to-Career Program  
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# Who They Are...



## ◆ Serve eight school districts

- Grand Forks
- Larimore
- Central Valley
- Manvel
- Emerado
- Northwood
- Grand Forks AFB
- Thompson

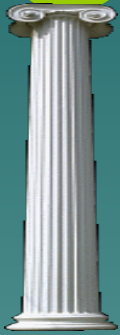
## ◆ Reach 800 students at each grade level

# Job Service North Dakota



- ◆ Initial Implementation Partner
  - Personnel
  - Equipment
  - Partnership collaborators
  - Monitor interns

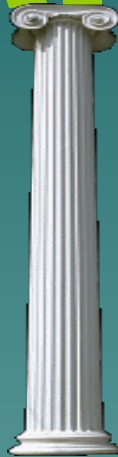
# Pillars of **SUSTAINABILITY**



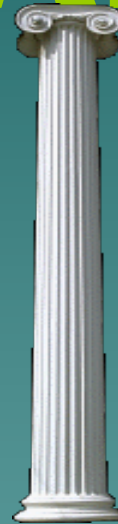
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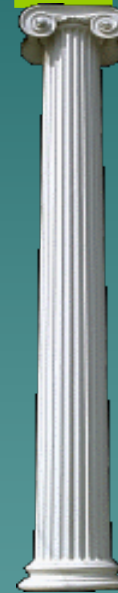
Fundamental principle:  
total school enhancement



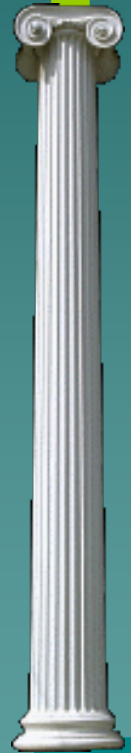
Administrative  
support



Community  
support



Curriculum  
driven



Comprehensive school  
Counseling program

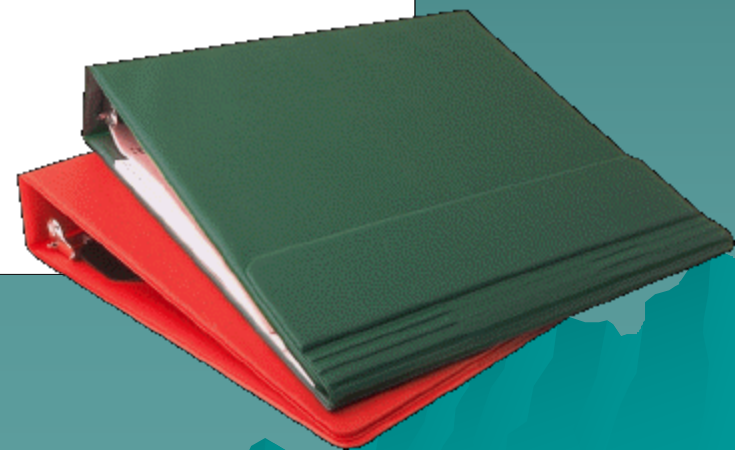
School

Student

# Education/Career

## Planning Curriculum

- ◆ System  
institutions
- ◆ Delivery
- ◆ Four  
components
- ◆ Customized  
teacher materials
- ◆ Standards based



# Curriculum Driven

**Standard:** Students engage in educational/career planning

## **Benchmarks:**



Students relate education achievement to career planning

Students demonstrate job seeking/job keeping skills

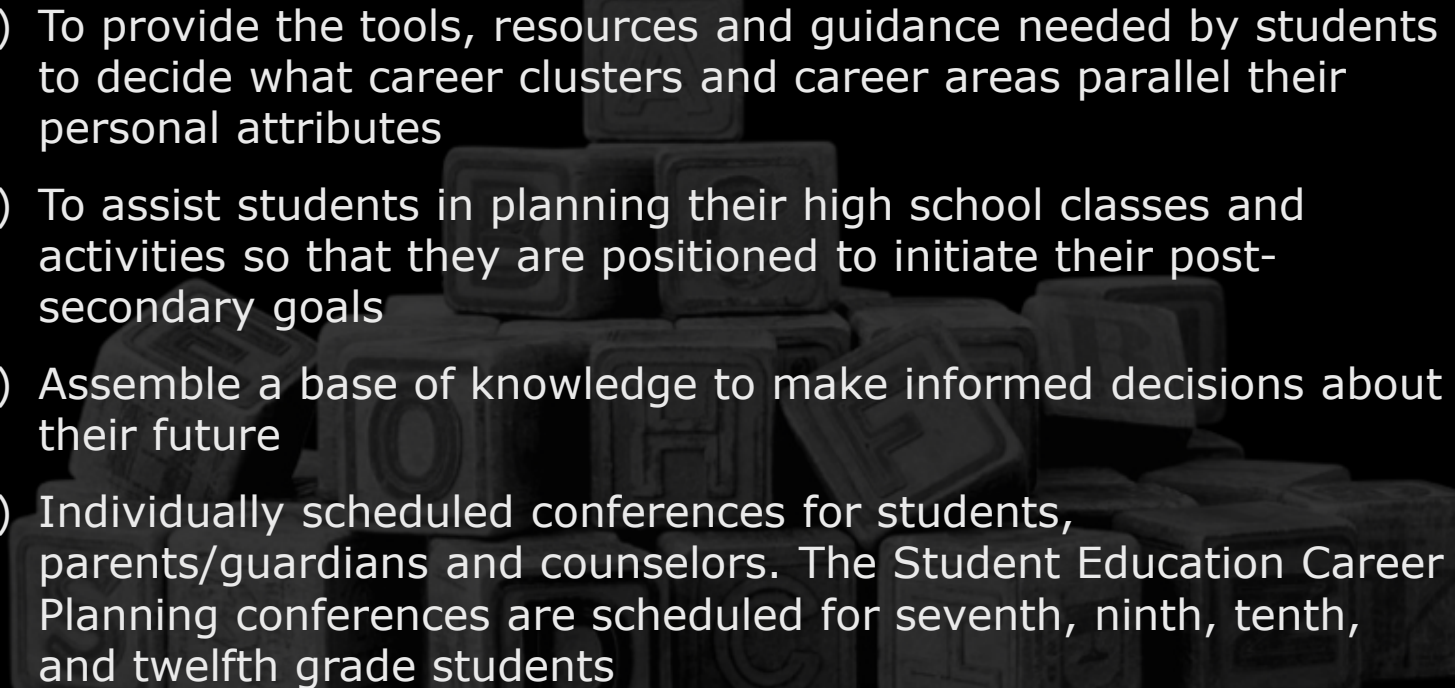
Students relate career goals to education and training

Students use assessment information for career planning



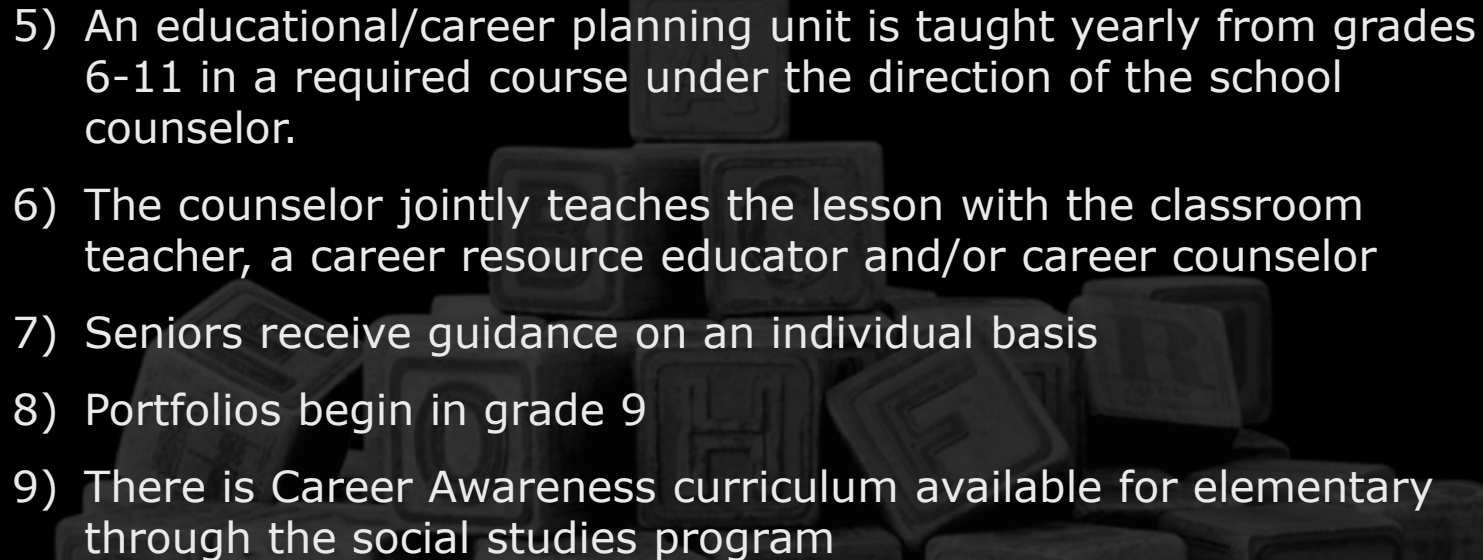
# Career Curriculum

## Purpose: Putting the Pieces Together

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- 1) To provide the tools, resources and guidance needed by students to decide what career clusters and career areas parallel their personal attributes
  - 2) To assist students in planning their high school classes and activities so that they are positioned to initiate their post-secondary goals
  - 3) Assemble a base of knowledge to make informed decisions about their future
  - 4) Individually scheduled conferences for students, parents/guardians and counselors. The Student Education Career Planning conferences are scheduled for seventh, ninth, tenth, and twelfth grade students


# Career Curriculum

## Purpose: Putting the Pieces Together

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- 5) An educational/career planning unit is taught yearly from grades 6-11 in a required course under the direction of the school counselor.
  - 6) The counselor jointly teaches the lesson with the classroom teacher, a career resource educator and/or career counselor
  - 7) Seniors receive guidance on an individual basis
  - 8) Portfolios begin in grade 9
  - 9) There is Career Awareness curriculum available for elementary through the social studies program

# Career Education

## Student Portfolio System

- ◆ Student Portfolio contains information on activities and experiences from each grade level
  - ◆ A sequential process where students are provided more complicated activities at each grade level
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# Career Development

## Student Skills

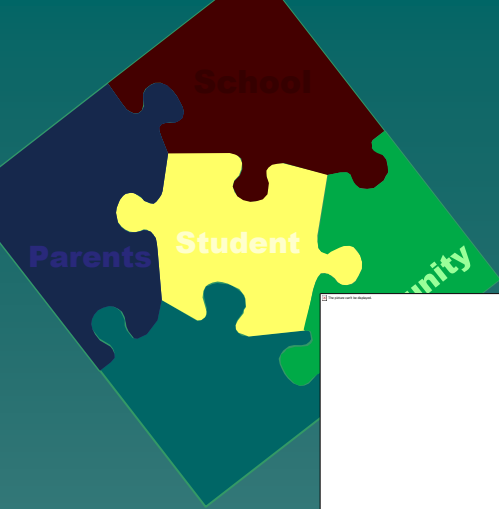
- ◆ Communication and Presentation
  - Writing letters
  - Completing reports
  - Setting up meetings
  - Responding to business leaders
- ◆ Organization
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Professionalism

# Career Development

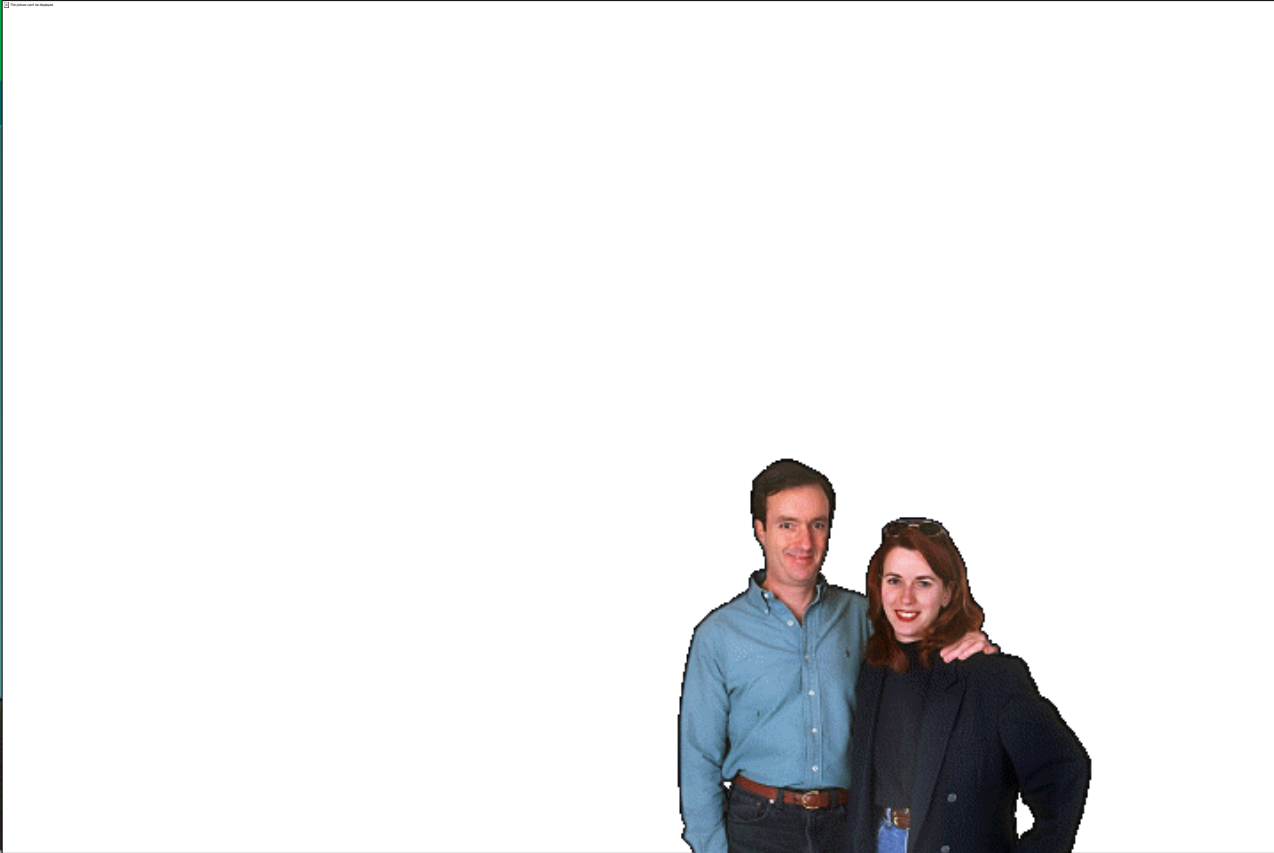
Career Center on Each Campus

## ◆ Resource Center for students

- Career Counselors
  - Guidance Counselors
  - Job Service Representatives
  - Support Personnel
  - Support Services
  - Career Planning Services
  - Class Scheduling Services
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# Community Connections



**Educators**



**Parents**



**Providers**



# Community Volunteers

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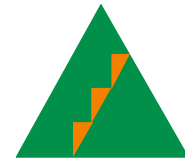
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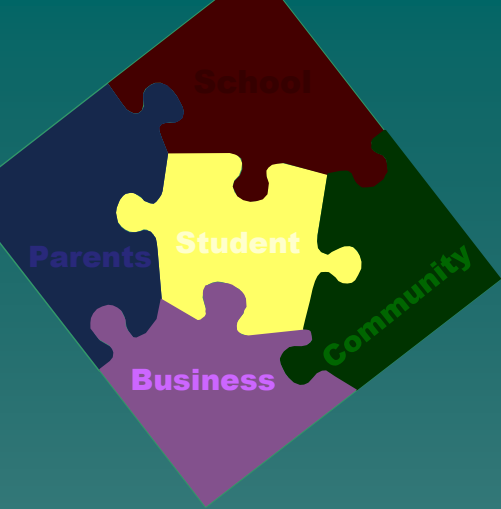
◆ Teacher Externships



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# Partnership Opportunities

- ◆ Job shadowing
- ◆ Internships
- ◆ School-To-Registered Apprenticeship
- ◆ Learning Experiences
- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Teacher Externships





# Business Partnerships

Students have the opportunity to participate in work-based learning opportunities. Students learn from professionals in a chosen field, either through observation or hands-on training:

- ◆ Opportunities include:
  - Job Shadowing
  - Extended Job Shadowing
  - School-to-Registered Apprenticeship
  - Apprenticeship Training
  - Internships or employment

# Business Partnerships

- ◆ Participating Businesses
  - Bergstrom Electric, Inc.
  - McFarlane Sheet Metal
  - Baukol Builders
  - Fine Print of Grand Forks, Inc.
  - Computerland
  - RDO Equipment Co.
  - Rydell GM Auto Center
  - ND Society of CPAs
  - Wonder Years
  - Altru Health System
  - Development Homes Inc.
  - Valley Memorial Homes

# School-to-Career

**Virtual  
Reality for  
Every  
Student**



# School-to-Career

**Students in grades  
9-12 are eligible to  
explore a career or  
career area.**

**Community people  
are contacted when  
students request  
their specific field.**





# Year 2000 Exemplary Career Guidance and Counseling Program Award



# Contact Information

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# Career Education

- ◆ Career Education is a way to address North Dakota workforce issues by:
  - Achieving economic development goals within a coordinated system of programs, activities and learning experiences that connect school and work.
  - Better informing students of ND opportunities
  - Providing opportunities for business and industry to participate in education