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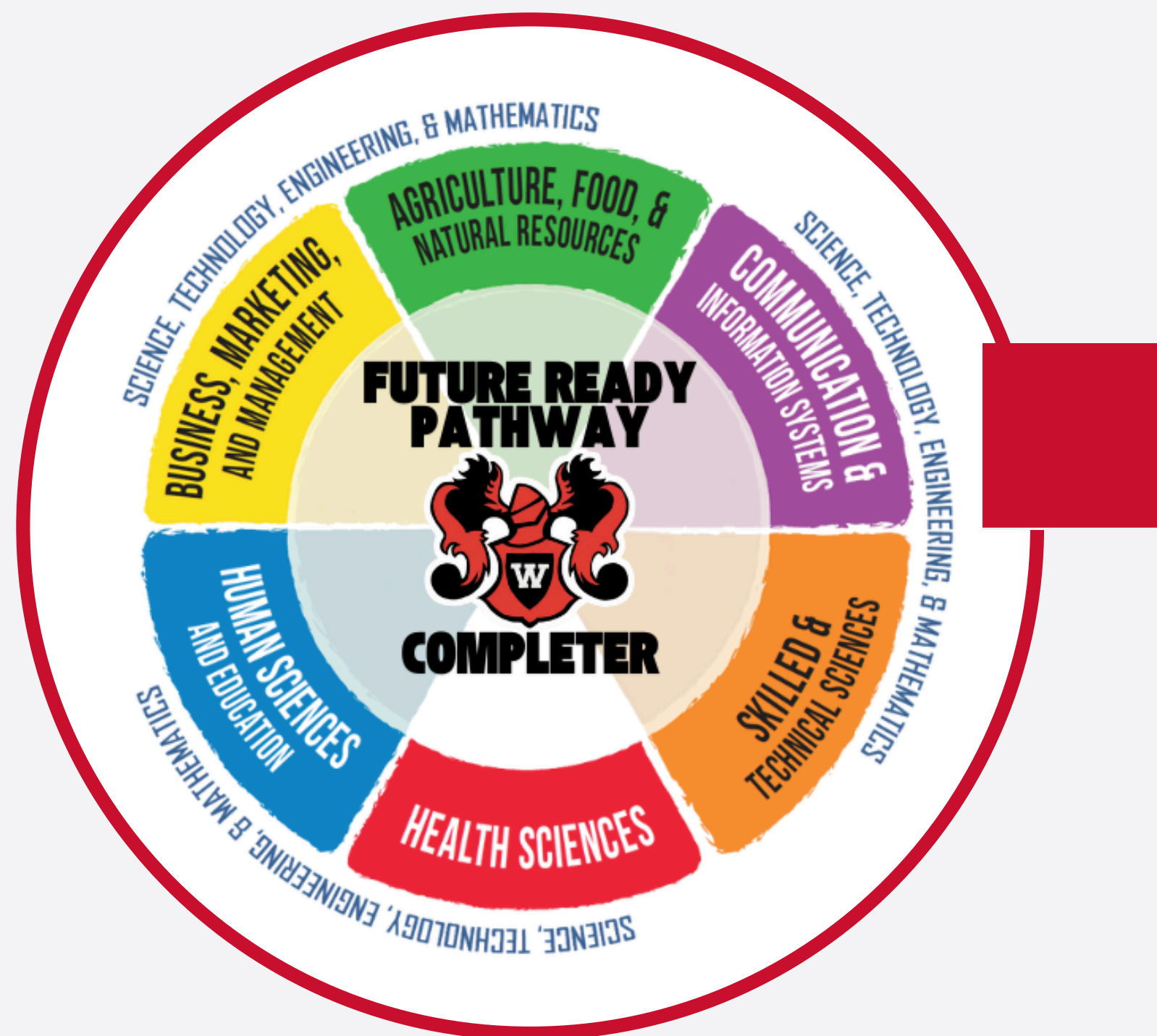
# READY

# PATHWAYS

Ensure every Westside High School student graduates not only with a diploma, but also with industry-recognized credentials, certifications, and experiences that open doors to college, career, and life success.

# CORE GOALS

- **Lead Nebraska** in the number and breadth of industry-recognized credentials and certifications offered in a high school setting while maximizing our ongoing commitment to modular scheduling.
- **Career-connected learning** by aligning course pathways with student interests and emerging workforce needs.
- **Integrate credentials, certifications, and pathway experiences with rigorous academic learning** to strengthen mastery of core subjects and prepare students for a wide range of post-secondary opportunities.
- **Strengthen partnerships** with higher education, businesses, employers, and community organizations.
- **Enhance belonging and pride** by facilitating tangible accomplishments for students that validate their strengths.



# PATHWAY COMPLETERS

Students who complete one or more of these College, Career, and Life Readiness Career Pathways will receive special designation at their high school graduation ceremony.

Pathway Completers also help Westside improve their AQuESST scores each year!

# THE WESTSIDE EQUATION

## CORE ACADEMICS

Westside Community Schools already boasts a comprehensive and rigorous set of graduation requirements that set students up for success whatever their path may be after high school. This includes 8 semesters of English/Literature, 6 semesters of math, 6 semesters of social studies, 6 semesters of science (including biology), 4 semesters of health/physical education, 1 semester of personal finance, 1 semester of computer science, 2 semesters of global/multicultural courses, seminar, and 80 hours of service learning.

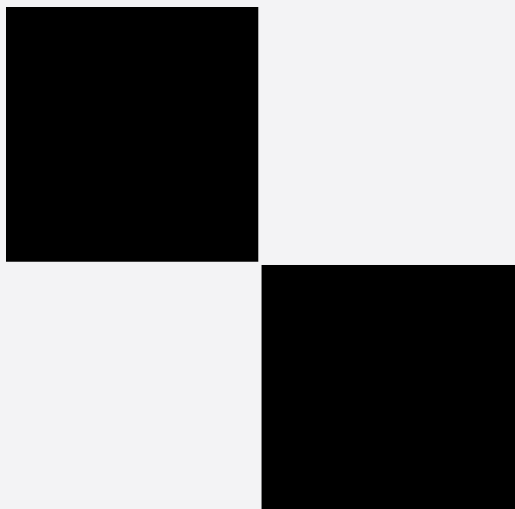


## FUTURE READY PATHWAYS

Achieving college, career, and life readiness requires students to be strategic in their course selection, deliberately building an academic program that connects classroom learning to the world of work through our Future Ready framework. The Nebraska CTE Model organizes future ready pathways into six broad Career Fields: **Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Business, Marketing, and Management; Communication & Information Systems; Health Sciences; Human Sciences & Education; and Skilled & Technical Sciences**. Students who complete one of these pathways and obtain an industry recognized certification which sets them apart from other high school students and makes them more employable.



## COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READY STUDENTS



# EXAMPLE PATHWAYS

## HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER PATHWAY

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE(S)

Intro to Health Sciences



### INTERMEDIATE COURSE(S)

Advanced Health Sciences

and/or

Anatomy and Physiology (H)

and/or

PLTW Human Body Systems (H)



### CAPSTONE COURSE(S)

CNA

## MARKETING CAREER PATHWAY

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE(S)

Marketing 1 - Sem 1



### INTERMEDIATE COURSE(S)

Marketing 1 - Sem 2



### CAPSTONE COURSE(S)

Marketing 2

## WELDING CAREER PATHWAY

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE(S)

Welding Processes



### INTERMEDIATE COURSE(S)

Gas Metal Arc (H)

and/or

Shielded Metal Arc Welding - Flat (H)



### CAPSTONE COURSE(S)

Oxy-Acetylene Welding (H)

Gas Tungsten Arc Welding - Stainless (H)

Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (H)

Shielded Metal Arc Welding - Horizontal (H)

Shielded Metal Arc Welding - Vertical (H)

## BROADCAST JOURNALISM CAREER PATHWAY

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE(S)

Intro to Photojournalism

and/or

Digitools



### INTERMEDIATE COURSE(S)

Warrior Television



### CAPSTONE COURSE(S)

Westside Wired

and/or

Web Design

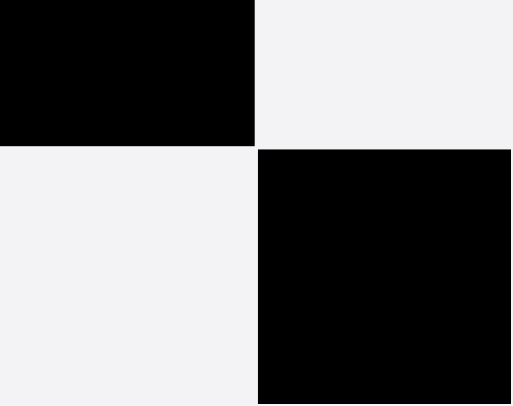


# WHY CREDENTIALS?

Adding in Nationally and Industry recognized certifications as part of our Future Ready Pathways structure sets a Westside student apart from other high school students because they can provide the following:

- Increased Employability
- Access to Higher Wages
- Job Readiness
- Relevant Work Experience
- Career Pathway Anchors
- College Credit Potential
- Higher Academic Engagement
- Development of Foundational Skills
- Increased Confidence
- Clearer Career Focus





**“FUTURE READY PATHWAY STUDENTS IN NEBRASKA ACROSS ALL RACES, ETHNICITIES, GENDERS, AND ABILITIES GRADUATED AT HIGHER RATES THAN NON-PATHWAY STUDENTS. FUTURE READY PATHWAY CONCENTRATORS ARE 10% MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN SOME FORM OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATION COMPARED TO NON-PATHWAY CONCENTRATORS.”**

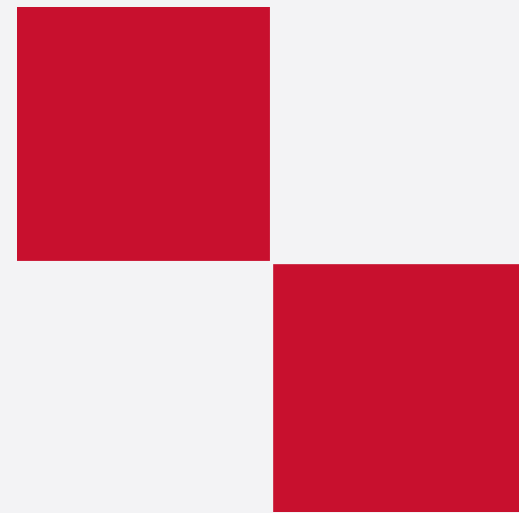


**Nebraska Department of Education**

<https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/cte-data-research/>

# CLASS OF 2026?

Without a formal roll out of Future Ready Pathways the Westside High School Class of 2026 is already setting the bar for future WHS Graduates.



# 384

**PATHWAY  
COMPLETERS**

# %70

**OF ALL GRADUATES  
IN 2026**