



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: EmployIndy

From: Flora Jones, Director of Student Pathways & Opportunities

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Greetings EmployIndy, I am so excited to continue to partner with you on this academic journey. Your badging platform has been a game changer for several school districts in central Indiana, and for that I am grateful. As schools seek to meet the employability skills requirement for graduation pathway box 2, they have asked for additional support and you continue to provide the foundational skill building required.

We highly recommend the Job Ready Indy (JRI) Badging Platform as a support for schools in central Indiana and beyond when implementing the Evolution Towards Employability Locally Created Pathway. The JRI Badging Platform is aligned with the curriculum for Adult Roles & Responsibilities course required within this LCP and Indiana's Employability Standards thus meeting the requirement for Graduation Pathways Box 2 Requirement.

Graduation Pathways Requirement Two: Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills

Demonstrations of employability skills include experiences that enable students to apply essential academic, technical, and professional skills and find engagement and relevance in their academic careers. Through a Project-based, Service-based, or Work-based learning experience, students must demonstrate the Department of Workforce Development's Employability Skills Benchmarks (or similar character development benchmarks).

The development of the student product must satisfy the four categories of employability skills:

1. Mindsets
2. Learning Strategies
3. Social & Emotional Skills
4. Work Ethic

Additional information regarding Graduation Pathways requirements, can be found at <https://www.in.gov/doi/students/graduation-pathways/>.

Sincerely,

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