

Choice Ready Application FAQ Guidance

August 2024

GENERAL

1. **What is the purpose of the Choice Ready application opportunity?**
A: The Choice Ready Grants are designed to enable more students to graduate Choice Ready.
2. **Will applicants receive funding?**
A: No. The NDDPI will hold the contract and provide payment to the vendors. Students in ND high schools receive services.
3. **Are the Choice Ready Grants competitive?**
A: Yes. Applications will be reviewed and approved in the order received until we run out of funding.
4. **Is there a cap on the amount we can apply for?**
A: No. However, depending on the number of applications received and the amounts requested, applications may be reduced to allow more students to receive services. Therefore, list your priority requests first.
5. **When are the Choice Ready applications due?**
A: September 6, 2024.
6. **Who is eligible to submit a Choice Ready application?**
A: Each eligible entity can submit one application.
 - Public high schools completing a Choice Ready Report – each is eligible to submit one application.
 - 31 Special Education Units – each is eligible to submit one application.
 - 13 CTE Centers – each is eligible to submit one application.
7. **What are the allowable activities for the Choice Ready application?**
A: The following activities are designed to allow more students to graduate Choice Ready include:
 - ACT prep/tutoring through Sylvan Learning Center.
 - Dual Credit courses through approved institution.
 - Online courses through Center for Distance Learning (CDE).
8. **What is the timeline for spending the Choice Ready Grant funds?**
A: The timeline for the Choice Ready activities is from October 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.
9. **Who can I contact with questions on the Choice Ready application?**
A: For additional information, please email [Laurie Matzke](mailto:Laurie.Matzke) or call her at (701) 328-2284.
10. **Where do we submit completed Choice Ready applications?**
A: Email completed applications to dpiasstsupt@nd.gov.

PRIORITY ONE – ACT TUTORING

1. **Who can we work with to provide students with ACT tutoring?**
A: The Sylvan Learning Center is the approved vendor for this activity.
2. **Who do we contact at Sylvan to start the process if few are approved?**
A: Sylvan is creating an informational document that will be provided to approved applicants that will address the specifics on setting up tutoring sessions and who to contact.
3. **Is this activity open to any high school student?**
A: Yes.
4. **What additional information do I need to know if we are interested in ACT tutoring?**
A: Please note the following:
 - There is one option for ACT tutoring, which is a boot camp.
 - The cost is \$295 per student, up to 20 students, per each public high school.

PRIORITY TWO – DUAL CREDIT

1. **Which ND colleges/universities are participating in the initiative?**

A: The following nine institutions are participating:

Bismarck State College	Lake Region State College	North Dakota State College of Science
Dakota College at Bottineau	Mayville State University	Valley City State University
Dickinson State University	Minot State University	Williston State College

Applicants may work with one institution or multiple institutions.

2. **Who do we contact at each university to start the process if we are approved?**

A: Each college/university has identified a liaison to coordinate this project and work with personnel in approved schools and help answer questions. The liaison and their contact information for this project will be listed on the [Choice Ready website](#).

3. **What Dual Credit reimbursement rates will be used?**

A: The NDDPI will be using the following reimbursement rates provided to us by NDUS.

- Teacher paid by school district – Subsidized: \$89.43 per credit hour
- Teacher paid by university – Unsubsidized: \$153.96 per credit hour

4. **Is this activity open to any high schooler?**

A: No. This activity is only for **new** students to take a dual credit course. The only way to show growth is to get more students to check the dual credit box. If they have already taken and passed a dual credit course, it would not help to show growth. Therefore, we will cover the cost of the application fee and the tuition for new students.

5. **When can students take courses?**

A: This activity may be selected for spring 2025 and/or summer 2025.

PRIORITY THREE – ONLINE COURSES

1. **What entity will we work with on this activity?**

A: The Center for Distance Education (CDE) is the approved vendor for this activity.

2. **Who do we contact at CDE to start the process if we are approved?**

A: CDE has identified a liaison to coordinate this project and work with personnel in approved schools and help answer questions. The liaison and their contact information for this project will be listed on the [Choice Ready website](#).

3. **What reimbursement rates will be used?**

A: The following reimbursement rates will be used:

- NDSOS small schools = \$229
- All other schools = \$259
- Ag courses and [EmpowerU courses](#) have different fee structures.

4. **Is this activity open to any high schooler?**

A: No. This activity is only for new students to take an online course. The only way to show growth is to get more students to check the online course box. If they have already taken and passed an online course, it would not help to show growth.

5. **When can students take courses?**

A: This activity may be selected for spring 2025 and/or summer 2025