Nebraska Career Readiness Standards

Early Elementary Indicators
Pre-K – 2

1. Applies appropriate academic and technical skills	Academic Attainment	Understand the important relationship between education and career readiness.
	Technical Skill Attainment	Discover how different kinds of work require different combinations of skill and knowledge.
	Strategic Thinking	Consider advantages and disadvantages of each alternative before deciding.
2. Communicates effectively and appropriately	Writing	Share ideas in writing.
	Speaking	Learn and use speaking skills in different settings.
	Presentations	Use technology to communicate with others.
	Professional Etiquette	Use socially acceptable manners in a variety of environments.
	Customer Service	Assist when asked to help others with a task.
3. Contributes to employer and community success	Personal Responsibility	Understand and demonstrate school expectations.
	Meets Workplace Expectations	Identify why attendance, dependability and promptness is important at school.
	Civic Responsibility and Service	Identify helpful ways to contribute to the success of the school.
4. Makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them	Perceptiveness	Recognize problems and think of ideas to solve them.
	Problem Solving	Brainstorm solutions while keeping focused on the goal.
	Perseverance/Work Ethic	Focus on tasks and be willing to risk making mistakes when learning new things.
5. Uses critical thinking	Critical Thinking	Display curiosity while thinking.
	Decision Making	Make decisions and reflect on outcomes of choices.
	Adaptability	Recognize change commonly faced by students and identify ways to adjust to change.

6. Demonstrates innovation and creativy	Creativity	Show curiosity in new things and develop new interests.
	Innovation	Attempt new ways of completing tasks.
7. Models ethical leadership and effective management	Leadership	Use positive relationship skills with self and others.
	Ethics	Demonstrate ability to empathize with others.
	Management	Complete work as directed and on time.
8. Works productively in teams and demonstrates cultural competency	Teamwork	Display appropriate social and classroom behavior with class-mates.
	Conflict Resolution	Act with helpful approaches to resolving conflicts.
	Social & Cultural Competence	Recognize that others may experience situations differently from oneself.
9.Utilizes technology	Data Gathering, Access & Management	Perform basic searches on a database to locate information.
	Tools & Applications	Use technology to learn and achieve tasks.
	Technology Ethics	Describe responsible uses of technology and consequences of inappropriate use.
10. Manages personal career development	Planning	Understand how to make education achievement goals.
	Job Seeking	Gather ideas from adults on how they find out about job opportunities.
	Resumes, Portfolios & Interviews	Create a list of favorite activities and describe why you like them to someone else.
	Professional Development	Welcome opportunities to learn new things.
	Etrepreneurship	Explain that business ownership is a career option.
11. Attends to personal and financial well-being	Personal Well-Being	Identify healthy social, emotional and physical activity for well-ness.
	Financial Well-Being	Describe how and why people work to earn income/wages.