



Release Notes

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RELEASE NOTES SUMMARY

These release notes detail the product improvements and new features included in the February 1, 2024, release.

Resolved Issues

1. The FAQs in the Professional Center have been updated.
2. Accessibility issues in the Plan of Study in the Student Center were fixed.
3. Email, Print, and PDF options for The Basics in the Student Center were updated to use the print functionality within each browser.
4. In the Professional's view of a student's Plan of Study, the On Track, Mark On Track and Override were added.
5. In the work-based learning tools in the Professional Center, the ability to sort by application status was fixed.
6. The All Saved Documents section in the Professional Center was updated to remove an out-of-date panel (How You See Yourself).

1. RESOLVED ISSUES

This table summarizes the product improvements included in the February 1, 2024, release.

	Problem	Improvement
1	New questions and answers and updated links were required for building groups and releasing students. (PPS-6090)	New questions and answers were added, and any out-of-date link was updated.
2	The Plan of Study in the Student Center was updated to fix accessibility issues such as ensuring descriptive names or context for all links. (PPS-6013)	The numbers now display properly.
3	When using “Print This, Email This or PDF This” options in Your Profile→ The Basics in the Student Center, the resulting PDF did not include Parents/Guardians information. (PPS-5435)	The links were updated to generate a printable document using the browser print functionality.
4	When an educator was viewing a student’s Plan of Study, the On Track, Mark On Track and Override buttons were not appearing. (PPS-5871)	In the Professional’s view of a student’s Plan of Study, the On Track, Mark On Track and Override were added.
5	In the work-based learning tools in the Professional Center, educators could not sort applications by their status. (PPS-5961)	The sort has been fixed.
6	The panel “How You See Yourself” in the All Saved Documents section of an educator’s view of a student’s portfolio was incorrectly displaying “My Personal Statement.” (PPS-5978)	The panel was removed.

2. NEW LOOK AND FEEL FOR RESUME BUILDER

The resume builder has a new look and feel. Students will benefit from additional tips and an easy-to-follow process with clearly presented buttons and information. Additionally, students will now easily see the differences between resume types when selecting their preferred format.

The screenshot displays the 'Resume Builder' interface. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Contact (active), 2. Objective, 3. Skills, 4. Work, 5. Education, 6. Certification, and 7. Extras. Below the progress bar, the 'Contact Information' section contains the following fields:

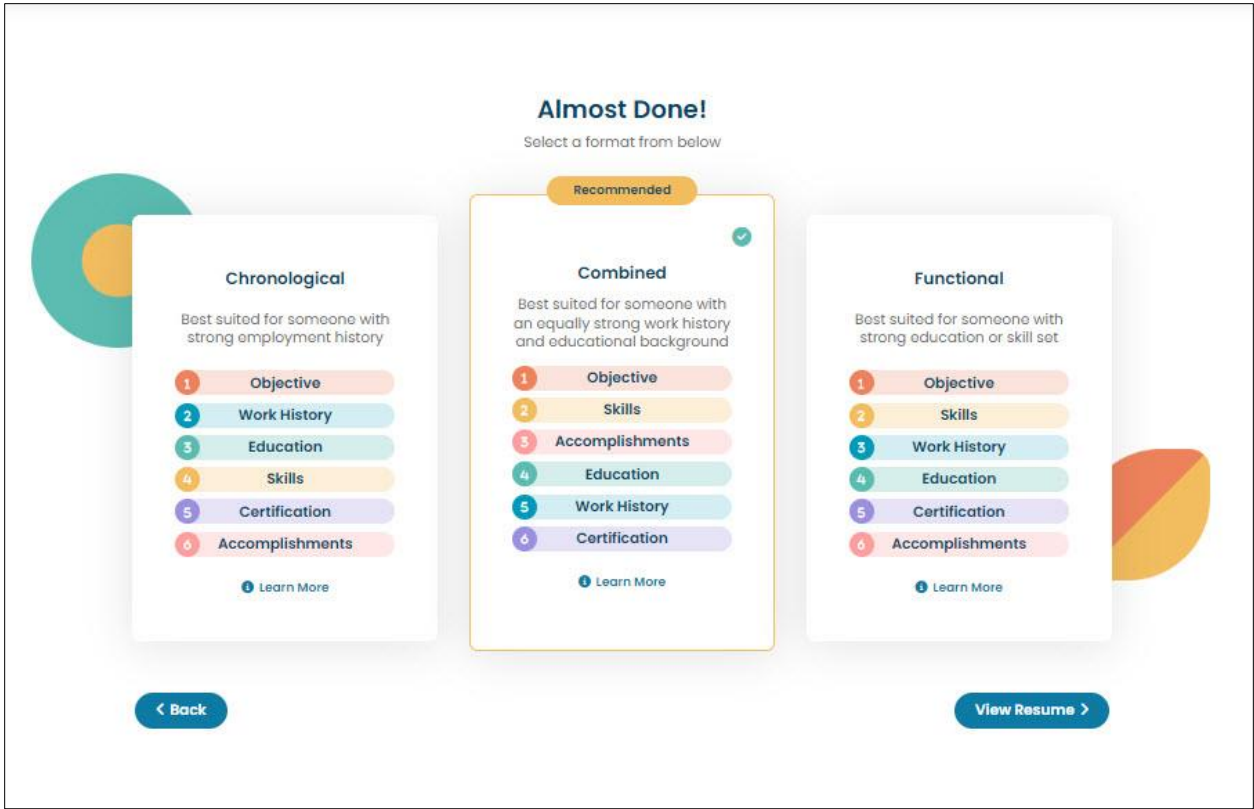
- First name *: Gwen
- Last name *: Marsh
- Address: [Empty]
- City: [Empty]
- State: Select a State (dropdown menu)
- Zip code: [Empty]
- Phone: [Empty]
- Email: gm_test@mailinator.com

A blue 'Next >' button is located at the bottom left of the form. On the right side, a 'Tips' box is displayed, featuring a preview of a resume for 'SONYA LOPEZ' and two helpful suggestions:

- Your contact information is your resume header.
- Make sure you include your name, email address, and phone number.

Updated contact information page

Students can see and easily navigate to the various sections of the resume builder. The Tips appearing on the right of every section provides a visual of the final output as well as helpful suggestions.



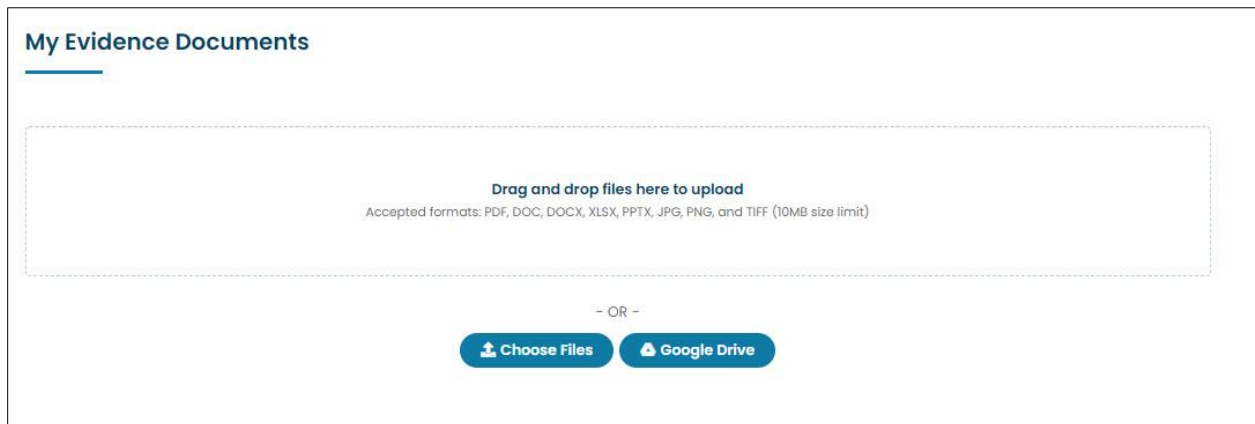
New format option page

3. UPDATED FILE UPLOAD FOR MY EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS

The My Evidence Documents upload feature available on every set of assigned activities (built using the Assignment & Curriculum Builder) has been updated to offer the option to upload files from Google Drive. Additionally, the list of accepted file types has been expanded to include:

- XLSX
- PPTX

Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides will all be allowed to be selected by the student. Docs will convert to a .docx; sheets to a .xlsx, and slides to a .pptx (Word Doc, Excel Spreadsheet, and PowerPoint Presentation respectively).



New Google Drive connection and upload in My Evidence Documents

Over the next few months, the option to upload from Google Drive will be included in the following activities: Resume Builder, Work-Based Learning Opportunity Application, Volunteering & Community Service Experience and more.

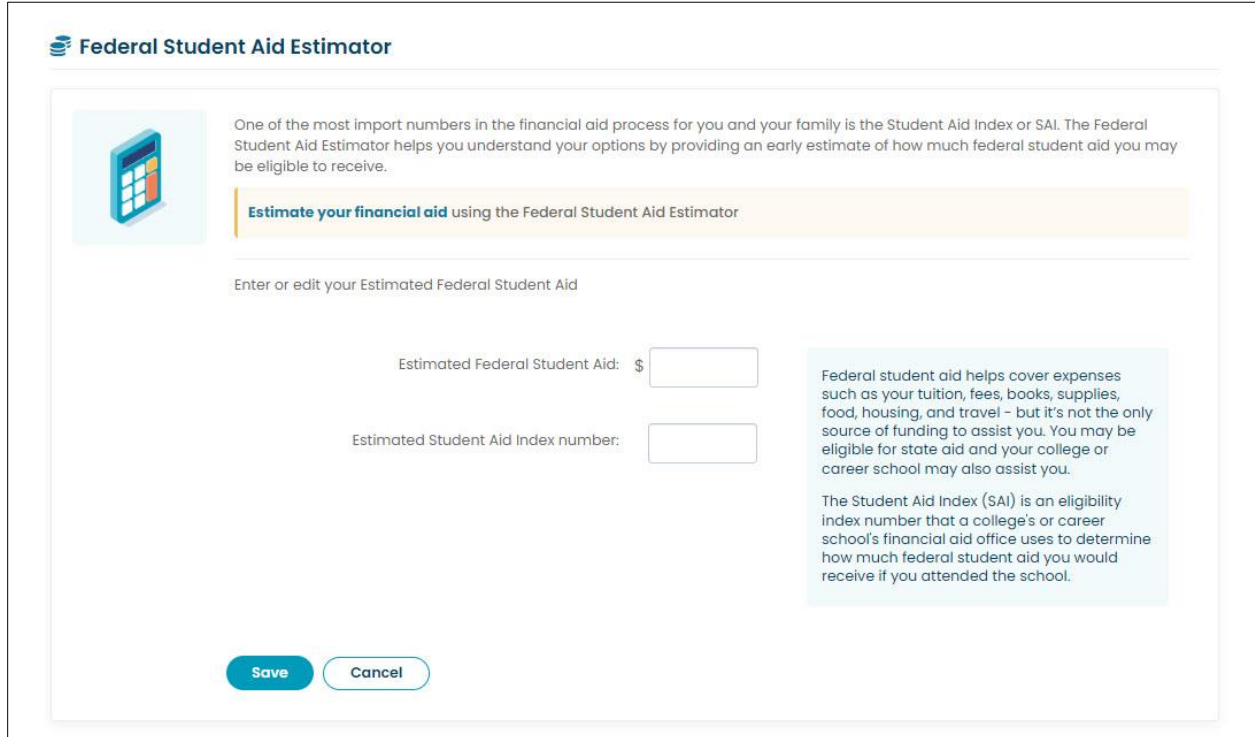
4. FAFSA UPDATES

To accommodate the changes brought about by the introduction of the new FAFSA in December 2023, the following updates have been made (some changes occurred in fall of 2023):

- The EFC Calculator has been updated and renamed to Federal Student Aid Estimator
- Updates to all Financial Aid 101 articles explaining the FAFSA, in particular text regarding the new Student Aid Index (SAI)
- All lessons plans referencing the EFC have been updated to reference the Student Aid Index
- The College Savings Calculator has been updated
- References to the EFC have been updated in the Financial Aid Wizard

*Students who are assigned the EFC Calculator using the Assignment & Curriculum Builder will see the following:

- The activity will appear with its new name.
- Students who completed the activity will be able to view their previous results in the renamed activity.

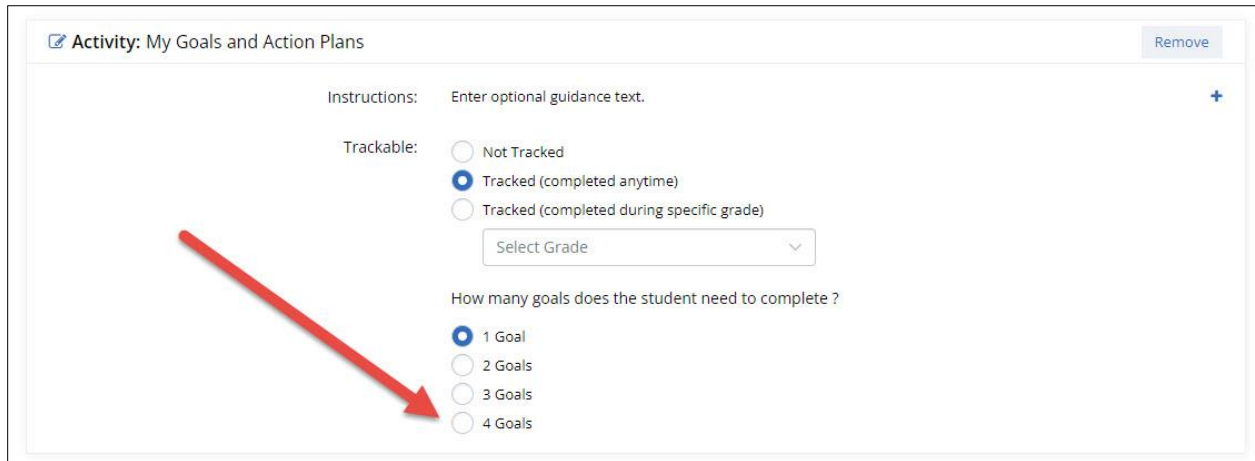


The screenshot shows the 'Federal Student Aid Estimator' activity interface. At the top left is the title 'Federal Student Aid Estimator' with a small icon. Below the title is a blue icon of a calculator. To the right of the icon is a paragraph of text: 'One of the most important numbers in the financial aid process for you and your family is the Student Aid Index or SAI. The Federal Student Aid Estimator helps you understand your options by providing an early estimate of how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive.' Below this text is a yellow banner with the text 'Estimate your financial aid using the Federal Student Aid Estimator'. Underneath the banner is a text input field labeled 'Enter or edit your Estimated Federal Student Aid'. Below that are two input fields: 'Estimated Federal Student Aid: \$' and 'Estimated Student Aid Index number:'. To the right of these fields is a light blue box containing two paragraphs of text: 'Federal student aid helps cover expenses such as your tuition, fees, books, supplies, food, housing, and travel - but it's not the only source of funding to assist you. You may be eligible for state aid and your college or career school may also assist you.' and 'The Student Aid Index (SAI) is an eligibility index number that a college's or career school's financial aid office uses to determine how much federal student aid you would receive if you attended the school.' At the bottom of the interface are two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'.

Updated Student Aid Estimator activity

5. INCREASE IN REQUIRED GOALS FOR MY GOALS AND ACTION PLANS ACTIVITY

When assigning the activity, My Goals and Action Plans, administrators have the option to define the number of goals a student must add in order for the activity to be considered complete. Previously, administrators could require up to 3 goals. This has now been increased to 4 goals.



The screenshot displays the configuration interface for the 'My Goals and Action Plans' activity. At the top, there is a title bar with a checkmark icon, the text 'Activity: My Goals and Action Plans', and a 'Remove' button. Below this, there is an 'Instructions' field with the placeholder text 'Enter optional guidance text.' and a plus sign icon. The 'Trackable' section contains three radio button options: 'Not Tracked', 'Tracked (completed anytime)' (which is selected), and 'Tracked (completed during specific grade)'. Below these options is a 'Select Grade' dropdown menu. The 'How many goals does the student need to complete?' section contains four radio button options: '1 Goal', '2 Goals', '3 Goals', and '4 Goals'. A red arrow points to the '4 Goals' option, indicating that this option is now available and selected.

Addition of option to select 4 goals

6. PASSWORD RESET EMAIL REQUESTS TO EDUCATORS

IMPROVED

When a student requests a password reset from an educator, the outgoing email did not include the student's school. The body of the email message has been updated to include the school name as follows:

[StudentFirstName StudentLastName] from **[School Name]** forgot their password and would like assistance.

You can reset the password using the [SiteName] Professional Center.

Follow these steps:

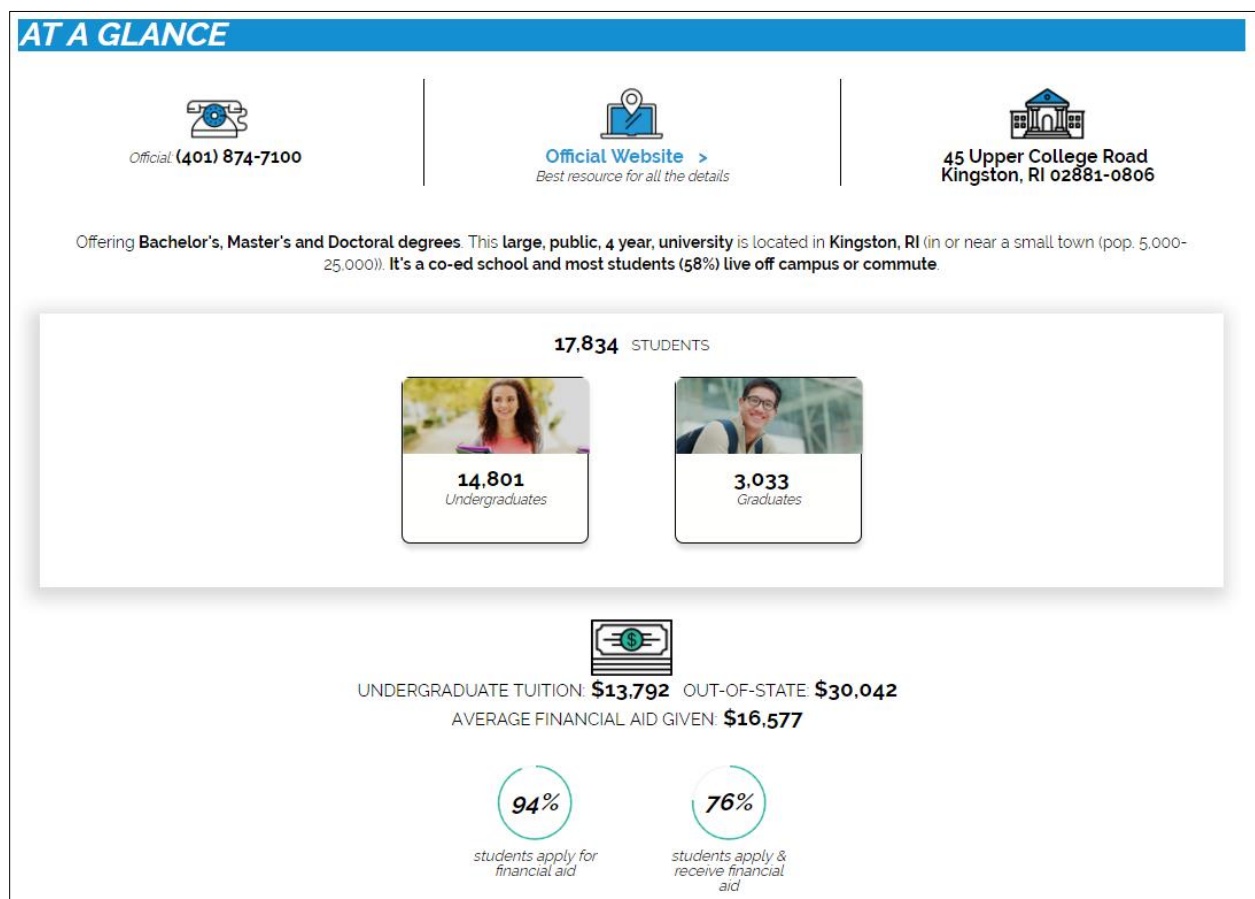
1. Sign In [link to Site Pro Center].
2. In the Students & Groups section, browse or search to find [StudentFirstName StudentLastName] and click to view their portfolio.
3. On the View Student Portfolio page, click "View account name or reset password".
4. Contact [StudentFirstName] with this information to help them sign in to [SiteURL].

If you no longer want students to email you with requests to reset their password, sign into your Professional Center account. Select your name at the top right, then select My Profile. In the Required Information section, click "No" as the answer to the question "Students can contact you to reset their passwords".

7. POSTSECONDARY DATABASE UPDATE

The profile information used by students to explore colleges has been updated for more than 4,000 undergraduate schools with the latest information from Petersons. The update includes:

- Revised list of programs for each school.
- Refreshed tuition and admissions information, basic school data such as links to a school's website, contact information, enrollment figures, and more.

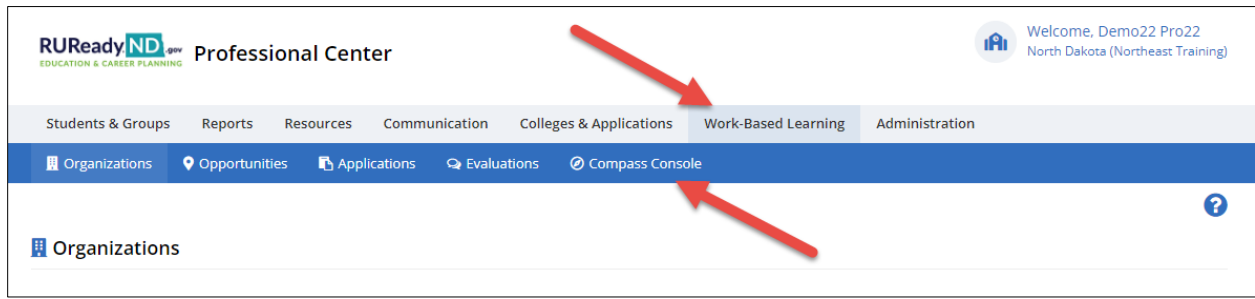


A sample of the data that was refreshed

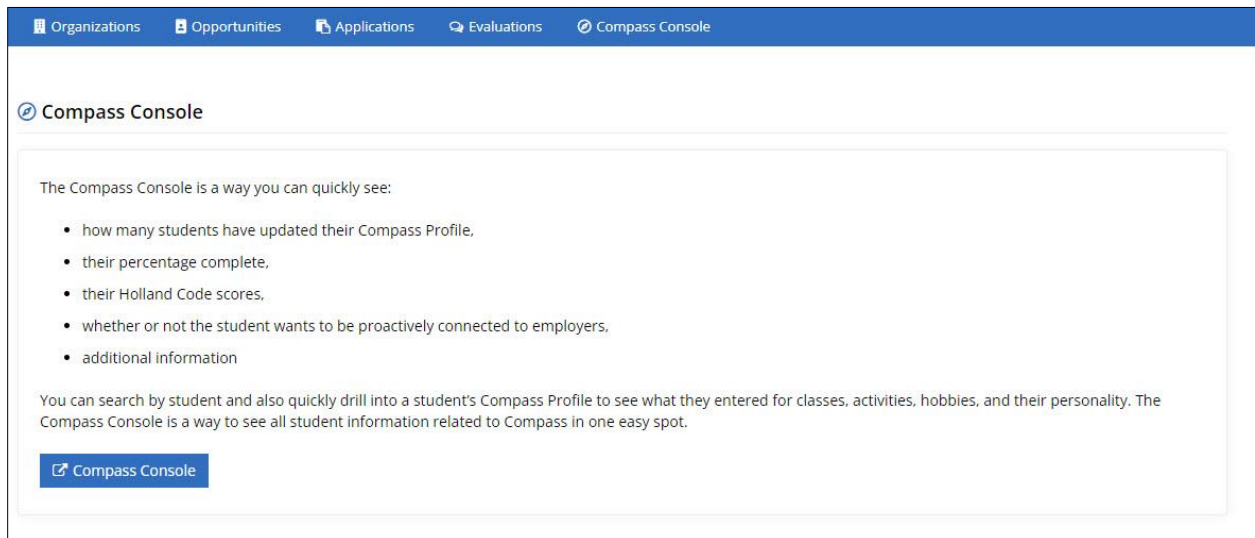
8. NEW SINGLE SIGN-ON WITH GPS CONSOLE

Educators in North Dakota who are using the Compass Profile can now easily access students' Compass results using a single sign-on from the RUReady.ND.gov Professional Center.

The link to the Compass console is a new tab in the Work-based Learning section.



New Compass Console tab in Work-based Learning

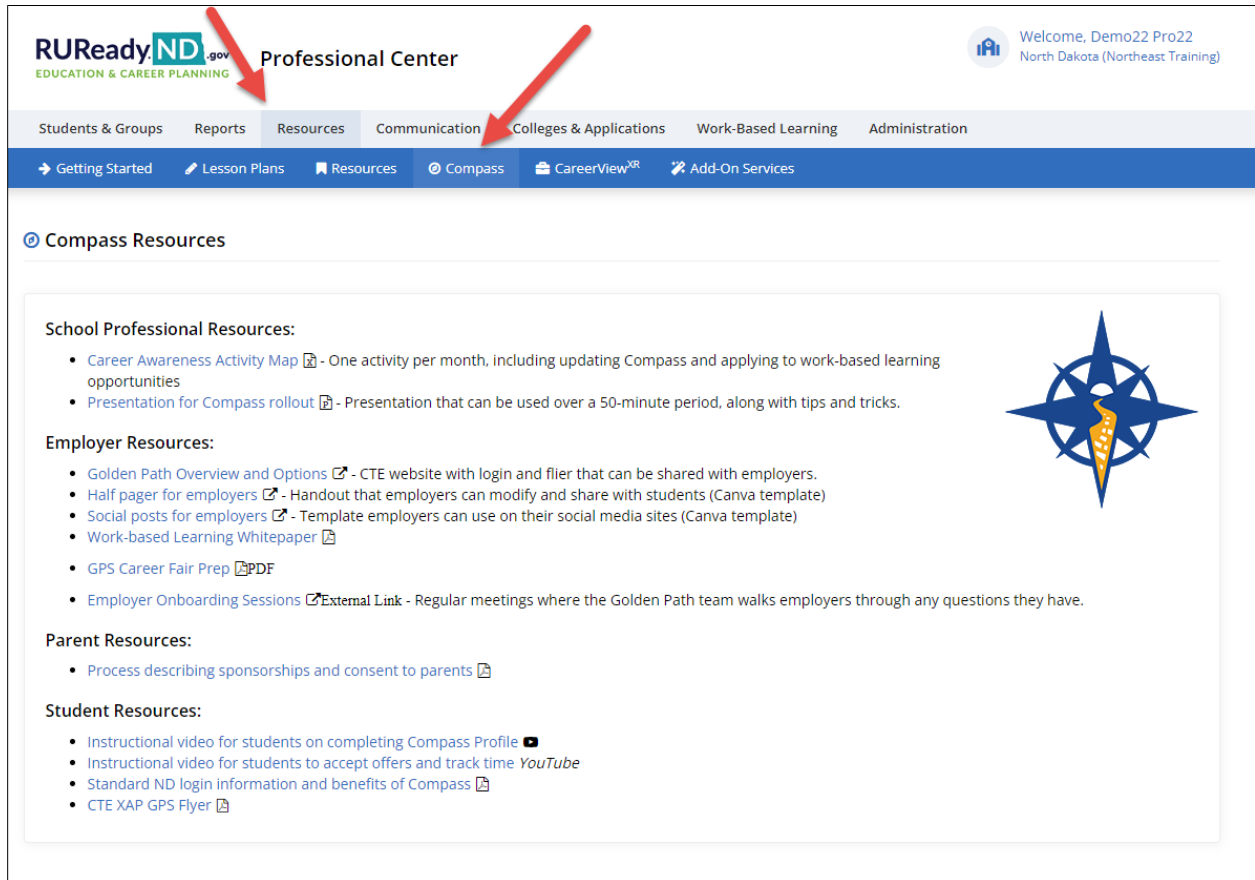


Introduction & Link to Compass Console

9. NEW COMPASS RESOURCE PAGE

In addition to the new single sign-on to the Compass Console, there's a new Compass resources page filled with presentations, employer handouts, information for parents/guardians and more!

To access the content, navigate to the RUReady.ND.gov professional center, then to resources. The new content is found under the Compass tab.



The screenshot displays the RUReady.ND.gov Professional Center interface. At the top left, the logo for RUReady.ND.gov (Education & Career Planning) is visible. The main navigation bar includes tabs for Students & Groups, Reports, Resources, Communication, Colleges & Applications, Work-Based Learning, and Administration. A secondary navigation bar below it features icons for Getting Started, Lesson Plans, Resources, Compass, CareerView^{XR}, and Add-On Services. Two red arrows point to the 'Resources' tab and the 'Compass' icon. The 'Compass Resources' section is active, displaying a list of resources categorized by School Professional Resources, Employer Resources, Parent Resources, and Student Resources. A compass icon is also present on the right side of the resource list.

School Professional Resources:

- [Career Awareness Activity Map](#) - One activity per month, including updating Compass and applying to work-based learning opportunities
- [Presentation for Compass rollout](#) - Presentation that can be used over a 50-minute period, along with tips and tricks.

Employer Resources:

- [Golden Path Overview and Options](#) - CTE website with login and flier that can be shared with employers.
- [Half pager for employers](#) - Handout that employers can modify and share with students (Canva template)
- [Social posts for employers](#) - Template employers can use on their social media sites (Canva template)
- [Work-based Learning Whitepaper](#)
- [GPS Career Fair Prep](#) PDF
- [Employer Onboarding Sessions](#) External Link - Regular meetings where the Golden Path team walks employers through any questions they have.

Parent Resources:

- [Process describing sponsorships and consent to parents](#)

Student Resources:

- [Instructional video for students on completing Compass Profile](#)
- [Instructional video for students to accept offers and track time](#) YouTube
- [Standard ND login information and benefits of Compass](#)
- [CTE XAP GPS Flyer](#)

New Compass resource page

10. CAREERVIEWXR EXPERIENCES IN CAREER PROFILES

In addition to the seamless links to CareerViewXR Experiences on RUReady.ND.gov homepage and the badge on the Career Planning page, CareerViewXR experiences are now embedded in Career Profiles. Experiences that match RUReady.ND.gov career profile titles will now be accessible.

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Automotive Service Technician


AVG. SALARY
\$50,330

EDUCATION
1-2 years post-secondary training

JOB OUTLOOK
Stable

What They Do

Automotive Technician Experience



Interested in learning more about the automotive industry? This experience immerses you in the day-to-day of various Automotive Service Technicians at Devils Lake Cars in Devils Lake, ND.

About This Career

Diagnoses, adjusts, repairs, or overhauls automotive vehicles.

Save to Portfolio

- What They Do
- Is This For You?
- Skills Needed
- What To Learn
- Money & Outlook
- Connections
- Interviews
- Real-Life Activities

Compare to Another Career >
Start a Career Plan >

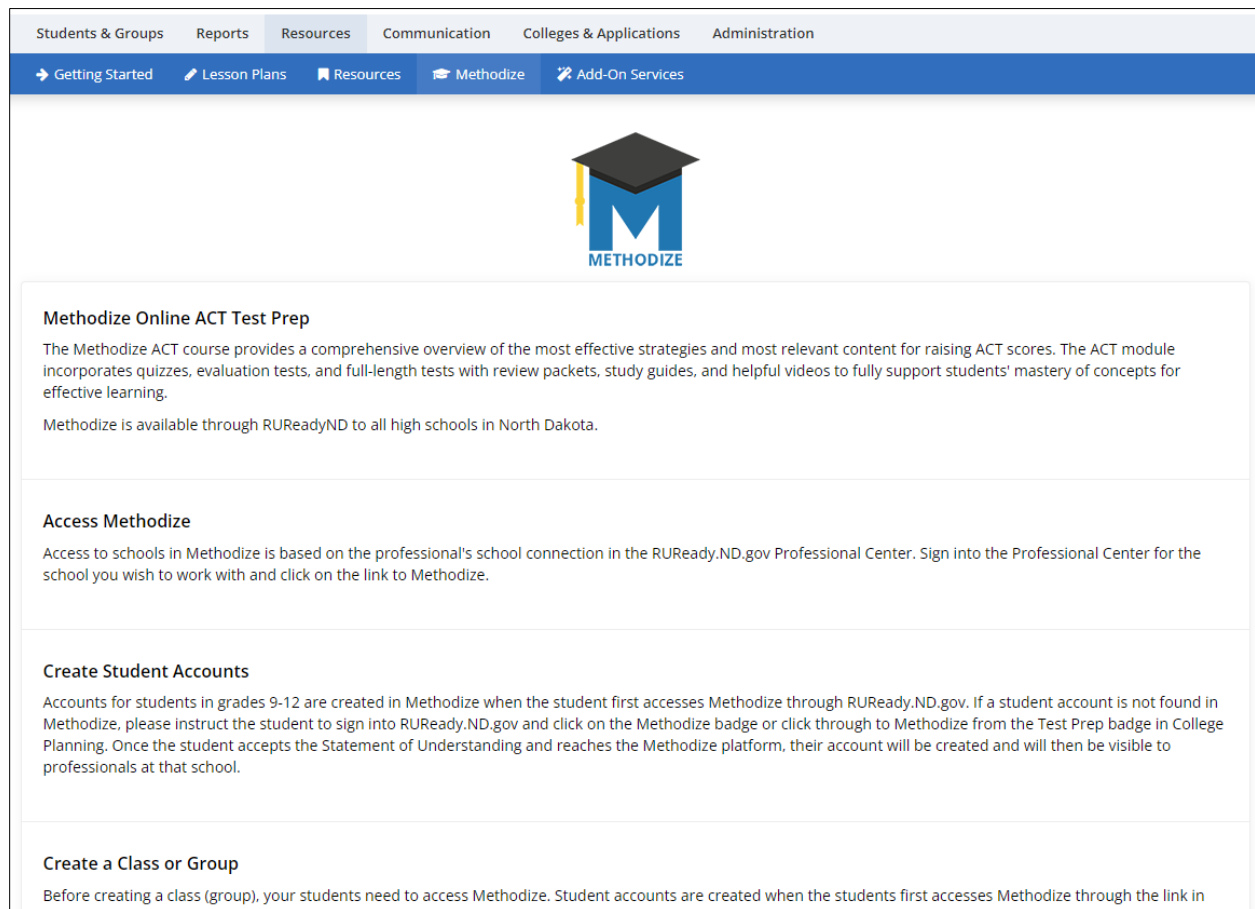
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Career Profile for automotive service technician showing CareerViewXR Experience

11. NEW METHODIZE PAGE IN THE PROFESSIONAL CENTER


A new page geared specifically for educators overseeing students using the Methodize test prep has been added the RUPrepare.ND.gov Professional Center in the Resources section.

Included on the page is information on accounts, groups, and accessing Methodize as well as pre-recorded webinar on Methodize.



Students & Groups Reports Resources Communication Colleges & Applications Administration

→ Getting Started ✎ Lesson Plans 📁 Resources 🎓 Methodize 🛠 Add-On Services



Methodize Online ACT Test Prep

The Methodize ACT course provides a comprehensive overview of the most effective strategies and most relevant content for raising ACT scores. The ACT module incorporates quizzes, evaluation tests, and full-length tests with review packets, study guides, and helpful videos to fully support students' mastery of concepts for effective learning.

Methodize is available through RUPrepareND to all high schools in North Dakota.

Access Methodize

Access to schools in Methodize is based on the professional's school connection in the RUPrepare.ND.gov Professional Center. Sign into the Professional Center for the school you wish to work with and click on the link to Methodize.

Create Student Accounts

Accounts for students in grades 9-12 are created in Methodize when the student first accesses Methodize through RUPrepare.ND.gov. If a student account is not found in Methodize, please instruct the student to sign into RUPrepare.ND.gov and click on the Methodize badge or click through to Methodize from the Test Prep badge in College Planning. Once the student accepts the Statement of Understanding and reaches the Methodize platform, their account will be created and will then be visible to professionals at that school.

Create a Class or Group

Before creating a class (group), your students need to access Methodize. Student accounts are created when the students first accesses Methodize through the link in

Snippet of the new Methodize page in the RUPrepare.ND.gov Professional Center