

**College & Career  
Readiness**  
Methacton School District

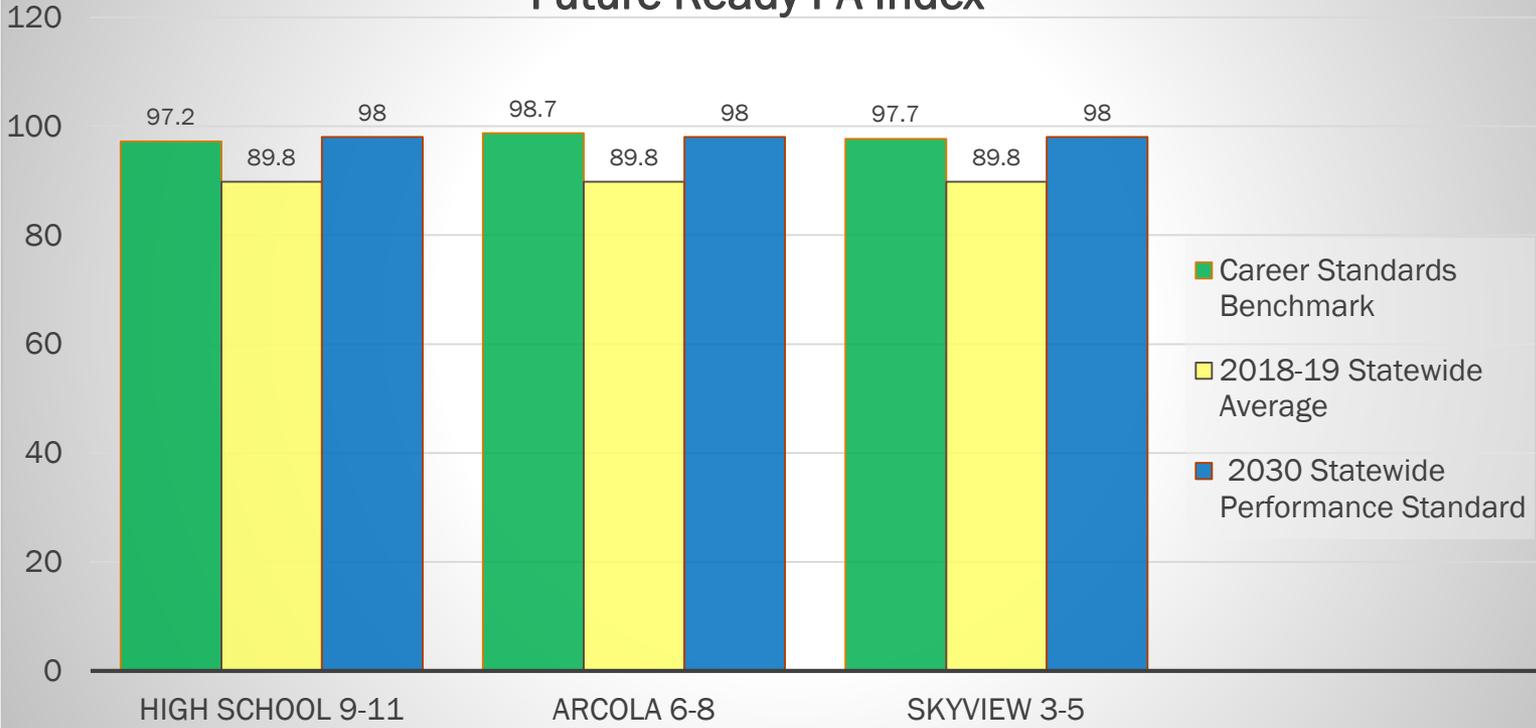
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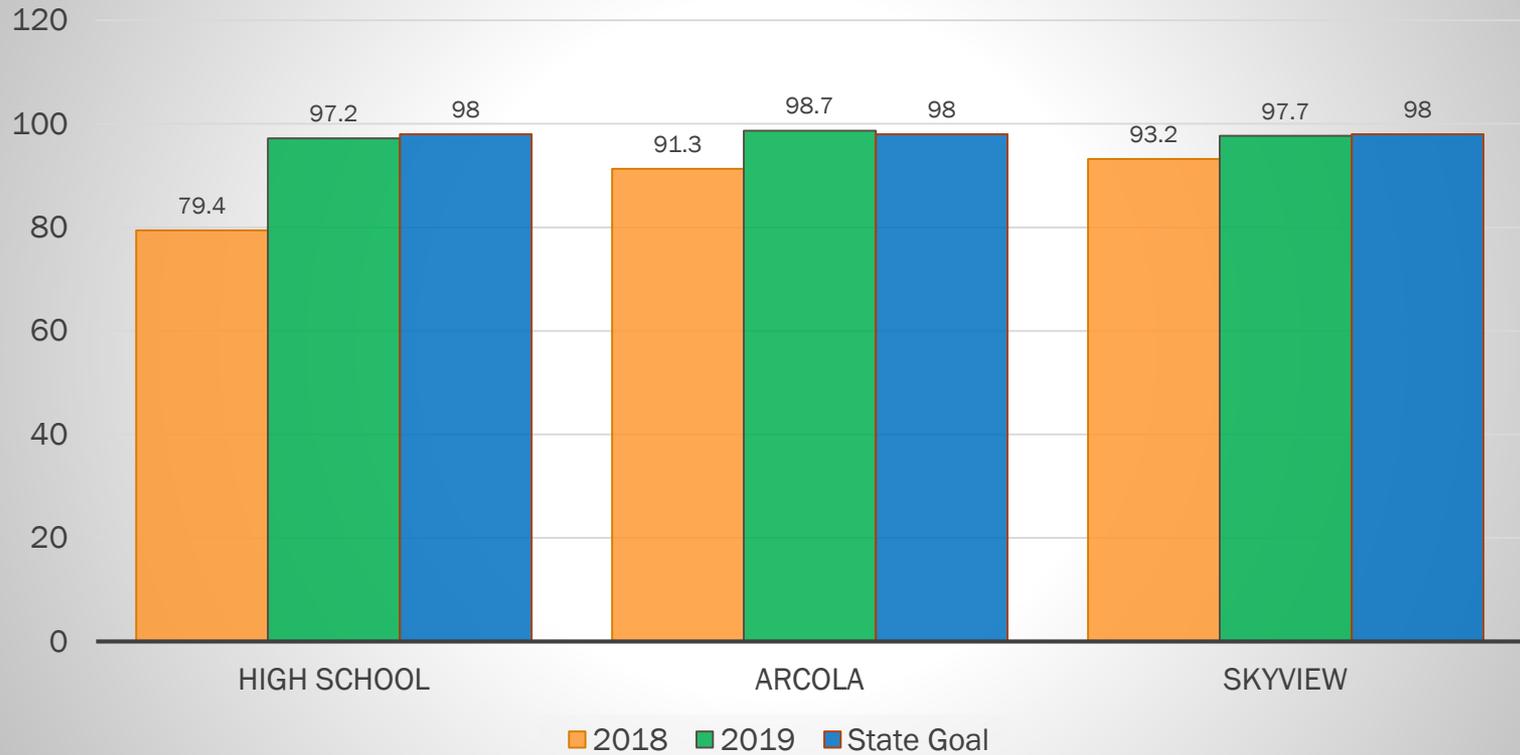
# Career Ready Data

**Future Ready PA Index Benchmarks**

# Methacton School District 2018-19 Future Ready PA Index



## Future Ready PA Index: 2018 and 2019 Comparison



# College & Career Readiness Focus Areas

2019-2020

# Focus Area 1: Increase Work-based Learning Opportunities

- o Expand career awareness
- o Investigate supports for mentorship program
- o Ensure goals and activities of the 339 Plan support the objectives of career readiness

## Focus Area 2: Continue Regular Communication with Parents

- o Speak at Home & School meetings to discuss career readiness
- o Present at the Post-Secondary Planning Night
- o Publish *Career Spotlight* – online career newsletter
- o Coordinate *Show Me the Money, Success without a College Degree* (Methacton and North Penn)
- o Improve parent access to Naviance

## Focus Area 3: Connect Staff to *Teacher in the Workplace*

- o *MCIU Teacher in the Workplace 2019-20*
  - o Health and Human Services – 1 teacher
  - o Hospitality and Tourism – 3 teachers
  - o Manufacturing – 2 teachers
  - o Construction – 1 counselor
- o Dow Educator Excursion
  - o 2019 – 3 teachers participated
  - o 2020 – 3 registered, program cancelled
- o Increase in number of staff attending student career field trips

# Connecting with Careers

**Building Student Experience**

# Ongoing Opportunities

## Field Trips

- o Digital Girls (HS trip and MS trip)
- o Montgomery County Community College tour
- o Manifest
- o Women in Computer Science
- o Automotive Training Center tour

## Activities and Student Involvement

- o ACE Mentor Program
- o Junior Achievement
- o PA Free Enterprise Week
- o Mentorship Program
- o Career Café
- o Mock Interviews
- o College and technical school speakers

## Career Days

- o Elementary
- o Skyview
- o Arcola Steam Day
- o 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Futures Expo

## Activities Introduced in 19-20

- o Senior Launch Day
- o Healthcare Expo Field Trip
- o Construction Fair Field Trip
- o GSK Visiting Students Day
- o Career and Community Services Fair
- o First Quality Manufacturing Tour

# Student Reflections

- o My experience strengthened my thoughts about a possible **future career**. Seeing all of the stations at the expo made me see that health is something I would like to study in the future. There were many cool exhibits that I saw that made me see how many different things there are to do when studying health. (**Healthcare Expo**)
- o I learned different skills needed for a **real life job**. For example, I learned how to interview, save my money properly, and interact with people. (**Futures Expo**)
- o The field trip positively **impacted my career path** by exposing me to different aspects of computer science and introducing real students that have jobs in computer science lined up after they graduate. (**Digital Girls**)

# Student Reflections

- o *I don't know what my career path will be like yet but the classroom speakers really helped to set me up for **how to get a job** and what it could be in the future. (Futures Expo)*
- o *I learned to find your passion and let that lead you to your job. Don't have tunnel vision and jump from point A to point B. There are so **many opportunities** you could miss. (Career Journey)*
- o *I learned that you need to **be confident** in what you want to do, and be **respectful, presentable, and ready** for whatever comes in your direction. (Classroom Speaker on Interviewing)*

# Advisory Council

- o Globus Medical
- o Inteprod
- o Allan Myers
- o iDo Studios
- o Chamber of Commerce of Greater Montgomery County
- o MontcoWorks NOW
- o North Montco Technical Career Center
- o Montgomery County Community College
- o Ursinus College
- o Automotive Technology Center

# Next Steps

- o Expand career awareness for students to include Career Café at Arcola
- o Investigate supports to grow mentorship program and increase work-based learning by advertising to businesses to serve as career mentors
- o Benchmark student progress toward Future Ready Goals
- o Continue communication with parents and expand Naviance access
- o Educate professionals and teachers about *Teacher in the Workplace* opportunities to increase involvement
- o Create opportunities for students to understand and develop employability (essential) skills through workshops and speakers
- o Conduct annual counselor review to ensure goals and activities of the 339 Plan support the objectives of career readiness