

CENLA WORK READY NETWORK

PREPARING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE



WHAT IS THE CENLA WORK READY NETWORK?

The Cenla Work Ready Network (CWRN) is a system designed to link education with workforce development efforts and align them with regional economic needs.

The network is funded by The Rapides Foundation and coordinated by The Orchard Foundation. The CWRN is available to all public, and some private, high schools in 9 parishes (Allen, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Vernon, and Winn).

The CWRN ensures Central Louisiana high school students are career ready and it boosts their employability by utilizing ACT's WorkKeys suite.



ACT WORKKEYS

WorkKeys is a system of assessments and curriculum that builds and measures essential workplace skills. WorkKeys assessment results help students understand how they can improve their skills for better-paying jobs.

By completing the assessments, students can earn the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT WorkKeys NCRC®).



CENTRAL LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR STUDENT:

CAREER READY 101 WK CURRICULUM

- **PREPARATION** in 3 core areas.
- Applied Math, Workplace Documents, Graphic Literacy.
- Prescribes remediation to prepare students for WorkKeys assessment.

WORKKEYS

- **ASSESSMENT** in 3 core areas.
- Assessment score determines NCRC eligibility.

NCRC

- **CREDENTIAL** - nationwide portability.
- 4 levels of certification: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum.
- Minimum score of 3 (Bronze); Maximum score of 7 (Platinum)



WHY SHOULD YOUR STUDENT EARN THE NCRC?



THE NCRC EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO:

- Succeed in a variety of career pathways
- Stand out from other job applicants lacking credentials
- Show potential employers concrete evidence of their workplace skills
- Learn which workplace skills they can improve on
- Build their earning power



WHO IS THE JOBINATOR?

The Jobinator is a quirky and fun superhero. The Jobinator's role is to encourage your student to think about what their future holds after graduation.

He encourages them to do their best in the Career Ready WorkKeys Curriculum and the ACT WorkKeys assessment so they can earn the highest level NCRC.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The best next step is simply to open a dialogue with your student about Career Ready WorkKeys Curriculum, WorkKeys assessment and the National Career Readiness Certificate. Here are a few questions to help get the conversation started:

- Have you participated in Career Ready WorkKeys Curriculum?
- Have you taken the ACT WorkKeys assessment?
- Have you earned the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate?
 - If so, what level did you receive?
- Do you know why the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate is important to your future career?

HERE ARE SOME WEBSITE LINKS WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE:

THE JOBINATOR: www.cenlajobinator.com

CENLA WORK READY NETWORK: www.cenlaworkready.com

THE ORCHARD FOUNDATION: www.theorchardfoundation.org