

Why do all students need college-ready curriculum?

While it is true that some students will go directly to the workforce after high school, new research suggests that the skills needed to get and keep good jobs are very similar to what colleges demand of incoming freshmen. In fact, most well-paying jobs today require education beyond high school.

In the past, students bound for the workforce needed less-rigorous preparation than those bound for college. Times have changed. A growing body of research shows that the skills needed for success in college and good jobs are the same, particularly jobs that pay well and allow for career advancement.

Below are examples of the types of jobs available to new graduates and future graduates in those job markets.

Today's fastest growing and best paying jobs:

High School Diploma 2.6% of growth jobs

- Tile/marble setters
- Cement masons
- Roofers
- Painters
- Construction/Maintenance

High School Diploma and Some College 18.2 % of growth jobs

- Operation technicians
- Medical equipment repair
- Legal secretaries
- Truck drivers
- Bus and transit drivers
- Police, fire, ambulance dispatchers
- Auto repair

High School Diploma, Some College or College

- 11.7 % of growth jobs**
- Construction Managers
- Flight Attendants
- Healthcare technologists
- Payroll and HR assistants

Some College, College 33.8 % of growth jobs

- IT Specialists
- Database Administrators
- Real Estate Brokers
- Loan Officers
- Medical Lab Technicians
- Bio-technicians
- Generals sales
- Police

College Degree 33.8 % of growth jobs

- Public Relations
- Pharmacist
- Actuary
- Civil Engineer
- Market Research
- Teacher
- Counselor
- Physician
- Lawyer

All data 2016 Projections, U.S. Dept. of Labor:

http://www.bls.gov/emp/optd/optdtabi_5.pdf
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