

# KEYS TO CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

## think:

*Problem Formulation  
Research  
Interpretation  
Communication  
Precision & Accuracy*

**Key  
Cognitive  
Strategies**

## know:

*Structure of Knowledge  
Challenge Level  
Value  
Attribution  
Effort*

**Key  
Content  
Knowledge**

**Key  
Transition  
Knowledge  
and Skills**

**Key  
Learning  
Skills and  
Techniques**

## go:

*Postsecondary Awareness  
Postsecondary Costs  
Matriculation  
Career Awareness  
Role and Identity  
Self-advocacy*

## act:

*Ownership of Learning  
Learning Techniques*

# FOUR KEYS TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

## Key Content Knowledge

- + Structure of knowledge
  - + Key terms and terminology
  - + Factual information
  - + Linking ideas
  - + Organizing concepts
- + Challenge level
- + Value
- + Attribution
- + Effort

## Key Cognitive Strategies

- + Problem formulation
  - + Hypothesize
  - + Strategize
- + Research
  - + Identify
  - + Collect
- + Interpretation
  - + Analyze
  - + Evaluate
- + Communication
  - + Organize
  - + Construct
- + Precision & accuracy
  - + Monitor
  - + Confirm

## Key Learning Skills & Techniques

- + Ownership of learning
  - + Goal setting
  - + Persistence
  - + Self-awareness
  - + Motivation
  - + Help seeking
  - + Progress monitoring
  - + Self-efficacy
- + Learning techniques
  - + Time management
  - + Test taking skills
  - + Note taking skills
  - + Memorization/recall
  - + Strategic reading
  - + Collaborative learning
  - + Technology proficiency

## Key Transition Knowledge & Skills

- + Postsecondary awareness
  - + Aspirations
  - + Norms/culture
- + Postsecondary costs
  - + Tuition
  - + Financial aid
- + Matriculation
  - + Eligibility
  - + Admissions
  - + Program
- + Career awareness
  - + Requirements
  - + Readiness
- + Role and identity
  - + Role models
- + Self-advocacy