DIGITAL BADGING 101

OVERVIEW

Future Ready SA realizes the importance of staying competitive in a global economy, especially when students have so many different ways to learn. That's why we've developed digital badging, an online platform that works in tandem with local school districts, non-profits and other institutions that are providing meaningful online learning both throughout the school day and during out-of-school time. Digital badging provides students with interesting and meaningful 21st century learning.

WHAT IS BADGING?

In short, a badge is an online representation of a skill or accomplishment. Students earn badges through an online platform (*futurereadysa.org*) in partnership with their school, club or organization. When the badge is earned, the badging tool allows students to share their accomplishments through social media, a digital portfolio on Future Ready SA, and various types of media.

The key to making this work for your organization or school is to make sure a robust badge ecosystem exists — this means the more opportunities that are available, the more likely a student is to use the platform.

Future Ready SA shows you the local badging ecosystem. Use these playlists, or create your own customized digital badging experiences. Use digital badging to inspire growth in your students and prepare them for their future.

UP PARTNERSHIP
unlocking potential together

USING BADGES WITH THE COLLEGE ROADMAP

Future Ready SA offers a recommended College Roadmap Playlist of digital badges to support a student's college readiness journey. As students progress through the playlist, they will learn valuable skills and engage in powerful experiences, enriching their strengths and earning them accomplishments.

What students will learn on the College Roadmap Playlist:

- ✓ Preparing for interviews
- ✓ Writing a resume
- ✓ Choosing an endorsement
- ✓ Preparing for college
- ✓ Finding the best fit and best match college

How to ensure digital badging is successful:

- ✓ Empower families with a copy of the College Roadmap
- ✓ Encourage students to pursue badges in the College Roadmap Playlist and/or any customized college-readiness organizational playlist
- ✓ Encourage students to use the Future Ready SA Learning Portfolio to plan their next steps
- ✓ Review student usage rates to determine patterns and trends for success or potential roadblocks
- ✓ Share results with faculty, parents and advising teams to provide recommendations for student assistance
- ✓ Give students the opportunity to learn together through a playlist, which will allow them to collaborate, communicate and creatively problem solve

DISCUSSING OPPORTUNITY WITH STUDENTS BASED ON BADGES EARNED

As students progress through the College Roadmap Playlist, or any organizational playlist, they will earn badges. With each badge earned, students will strengthen their skills for college readiness. As students complete the College Roadmap Playlist, the student learning portfolio can serve as an aid for students to discuss their journey to preparation and next steps on the road to college readiness.

Recommendations for using a student's learning portfolio through digital badging:

- » Postsecondary planning dashboard for regular check-ins
- » Choosing an endorsement for high school
- » Planning for summer enrichment
- » College exploration and planning
- » Career exploration and planning
- » Preparing for college acceptance
- » Planning for financial health

Recommendations for coaching prompts that empower students to lead their postsecondary planning conversations with a digital badge learning portfolio:

- » What have you learned about yourself through your college roadmap journey?
- » Talk to me about your Future Ready SA learning portfolio.
- » What helped you to succeed when you faced a roadblock?
- » What do you need to successfully complete the College Roadmap journey?
- » Who can assist you with your journey?