### Defining College, Career, and Community Readiness (CCCR)

Students should demonstrate:

- **Content Knowledge**
  - (Navigating college and career options)

- **Learning Skills and Cognitive Strategies**
  - (Building an identity)

### Ways the School Library Supports CCCR

Strengthens **content knowledge** and **cognitive strategies** by having students:

- Choose their own research questions
- Evaluate and cite information sources
- Communicate what they have learned

Supports **transitional skills** and encourages **wayfinding** by:

- Showing how to use college search engines
- Creating pathfinders to explore careers
- Holding college application workshops

### Don’t Reinvent the Wheel

Adapt Existing Lessons to the Standards

Already know the AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learner?

- Check AASL’s standards crosswalk to align existing lessons with Common Core State Standards
- Use the AASL Lesson Plan database to find new lessons

Looking to collaborate across the disciplines? Big6 highlights similarities among these standards:

- College, Career, and Civic Life Framework for Social Studies
- Common Core
- International Society for Technology in Education
- Next Generation Science

### Why Is This Important?

Students struggle to choose from the thousands of colleges and hundreds of careers available. Once in college, 50% of freshmen feel they do not have the research skills required to succeed in their classes.

### Conclusions

- The CCCR definition stresses the importance of students taking charge of their educational goals
- School libraries already support learning skills and cognitive strategies by teaching information literacy
- The school library should also encourage students to apply research and decision-making skills to choosing and navigating post-secondary options

### Resources

- AASL Learning Standards and Common Core State Standards Crosswalk: www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/crosswalk
- BigFuture College Search Engine: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
- Core to College Alignment (Hawaii’s updates): www.p20hawaii.org/programs/college-and-career-readiness/core-to-college
- Farrington High School’s library pathfinders (see “Careers” tabs for examples): http://farringtonhighschool.libguides.com

### References