What Is **Readiness?**

SPSF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND SUPPORT FRAMEWORK
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Preparing students for success at the next level is a foundational component of the School Performance and Support Framework (SPSF).

Readiness is the measure of how well schools are providing conditions, opportunities, and experiences students need to exceed.

Educators, parents, and students throughout the Commonwealth recognize the importance of ensuring students are ready to succeed in the next grade. This means providing opportunities for early career exploration in elementary and middle school that lead to experiences in high school that prepare students for enrollment, employment, and enlistment (the 3Es) – and to thrive in life.

Readiness Looks Different Across School Levels

The Framework defines **Readiness** differently as students move through the education system.



Elementary School:
Attendance

What Readiness Means:

- Consistent attendance lays a foundation for learning.
- Students who consistently attend school perform significantly better than their peers who struggle to come on a regular basis.

How It's Measured:

- In elementary school, Readiness counts for 10% of the school's SPSF score. Chronic Absenteeism counts for all 10%.



Middle School:
Attendance + Advanced Coursework

What Readiness Means:

- Attendance continues to play a critical role in a child's success.
- Students who are meeting grade-level expectations will be incentivized to participate in advanced math coursework.

How It's Measured:

- In middle school, Readiness counts for 20% of the school's SPSF score. The component is made up of students taking Advanced Coursework in math (10%) and Chronic Absenteeism (10%).



High School:
Attendance + Graduation Rate + 3E

What Readiness Means:

- Schools are recognized for ensuring students have experiences in all 3E areas including:
  - enrollment in the form of transferable college credits.
  - employment in the form of high-demand industry-recognized credentials.
  - enlistment in the form of scores on assessments required for military enlistment.

How It's Measured:

- In high school, Readiness counts for 35% of a school's SPSF score. This includes:
  - Chronic Absenteeism (5%),
  - 6-year graduation rates (5%),
  - 3E (25%)