

Run Your Life - Pilot Capstone

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Draft governing framework - not adopted Minnesota law.

Run Your Life is a pilot capstone model, not the diploma. It tests whether a student can combine academic knowledge with realistic adult decisions.

Student profile

Each student receives a realistic adult profile with income, benefits, debt, housing, transportation, insurance and savings constraints.

Tasks

- Calculate gross and net pay and interpret deductions.
- Complete a simulated federal and Minnesota tax return.
- Build and revise a monthly budget.
- Compare housing and transportation choices.
- Evaluate credit, interest, insurance and retirement options.
- Plan groceries, meals and household expenses.
- Read contracts, leases, policies and instructions.
- Prepare a resume and complete an interview task.
- Make a healthcare decision and identify the correct government entity for a civic problem.
- Respond to a surprise event that requires revising the original plan.

Scoring

Domain	Weight
Reading & comprehension	20%
Quantitative reasoning	25%
Evidence & judgment	20%
Practical execution	20%
Communication	15%

Status

Pilot only. Results should be studied for validity, accessibility, reliability and unintended effects before any decision to make the capstone a high-stakes graduation requirement.