

Run Your Life - Pilot Adult-Life Capstone - Draft 1.1

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Pilot capstone. Not the diploma. Not a current graduation requirement.

Purpose

Run Your Life is a pilot model for testing whether students can integrate reading, mathematics, judgment, practical knowledge, and communication in a realistic adult scenario.

Illustrative tasks

- Calculate gross and net pay and interpret payroll deductions.
- Build monthly and annual budgets.
- Compare housing, transportation, insurance, credit, and retirement choices.
- Read contracts, leases, policies, and instructions.
- Prepare a resume and complete a simulated interview.
- Identify the correct government entity for common public issues.

Then reality changes

After the initial plan is complete, the scenario changes: a vehicle fails, rent increases, employment changes, healthcare costs shift, or an unexpected opportunity appears. The student must adapt.

Before any high-stakes use

- Specify scoring and evaluator training.
- Pilot for reliability and accessibility.
- Verify that the assessment measures intended competencies rather than family background or unrelated advantages.
- Measure instructional time and implementation burden.
- Formally adopt through an appropriate public process before making it a diploma condition.