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BRIEF DOCUMENT

**COLLEGE  
READINESS**

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*College and career readiness* refers to baseline academic, social and extracurricular preparedness needed to successfully enter an undergraduate college.

## “ THE CHALLENGE

College readiness is not assured by a high school diploma alone. Globally, educational curriculums are behind in preparing students for essential skills and literacies needed for success in the 21st century.

“ THE SOLUTIONS  
We enable students to confidently enter college with the abilities to effectively, efficiently and engagingly learn and participate in the 21st century, and to become active, self-directed, deep and reflective learners



# The COLLEGE PATHWAY

## CAPSTONE COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM (CCRP)

SENIOR'S & RISING JUNIOR'S (17-19 year olds)

Students learn to identify, research about, devise solutions, write, present and defend findings of a serious global problem

- (i) Learn the most essential 4 C skills, 4 R skills and the 4 core literacies for success in school, college, work and life
- (ii) Demonstrate your unique interests and competence, and differentiate your college applications
- (iii) Work 1-1 with experienced teachers / tutors and 21st century skills and literacies specialists

**CCRP: Demonstrates your ability to conduct independent research at advanced levels about a global issue of interest to you, and to critically and creatively communicate its findings**

## EARLY YEARS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (EYMP)

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR'S (14-17+ year olds)

Protégé's learn and develop multiple literacies, skills, attitudes, values and dispositions essential for success in the 21st century

- (i) Learn the most essential 4 C skills, 4 R skills and the 4 core literacies for success in school, college, work and life
- (ii) Proactively develop edge in middle school to beat rote and passive learning and to take command of your learning
- (iii) Work 1-1 with experienced teachers, tutors, roles models and 21st century skills and literacies specialists

**EYMP: Demonstrates your ability to effectively, efficiently and engagingly learn and participate in the 21st century, and to become an active, self-directed, deep and reflective learner.**

Helping you navigate the complex international admissions processes with ease and success.

# THE 4C SKILLS



**1 CRITICAL THINKING**  
*Learn to analyze, evaluate and synthesize contrasting perspectives and underlying arguments*

**2 CREATIVE THINKING**  
*Learn to solve problems creatively using creative concepts, tools, techniques and strategies*

**3 COMMUNICATION**  
*Learn to write academic papers, to create persuasive presentations, to orally defend arguments, to advocate*

**4 COLLABORATION**  
*Learn to develop productive and constructive ways of thinking, feeling and acting in teams*

# THE 4R SKILLS



**1 READING**  
*Learn to read deeply and critically across wide genre and forms*

**2 WRITING**  
*Learn to write clearly and effectively in multiple mediums for different purposes and audiences*

**3 REASONING**  
*Learn to reason deductively, inductively, abductively, analogically and hypothetically*

**4 RHETORIC**  
*Learn to use the art and science of persuasion and advocacy hypothetically*

# THE 4 LITERACIES



**1 RESEARCH LITERACY**  
*Learn and apply the why, what and how to conduct academic research and to communicate findings*

**2 INFORMATION LITERACY**  
*Learn to write clearly and effectively in multiple mediums for different purposes and audiences*

**3 CITIZENSHIP LITERACY**  
*Learn and apply the why, how, and what it means to be a global and local citizen, and develop an agenda for self-advocacy*

**4 DIGITAL LITERACY**  
*Learn and apply 21st century digital tools and strategies to all areas of your life hypothetically*

**“...the future of a democratic society depends upon educating a generation of young adults who can think critically, reason deeply, and communicate effectively. Only with the individual mastery of such competencies can today’s complex and competitive world be successfully understood and navigated by the next generation of college graduates.”**

Source: Arum and Roksa: 2011: Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses.

Source: Greenstein: 2012. Assessing 21st Century Skills: A Guide to Evaluating Mastery and Authentic

“In reality no one is ready for college and career without a robust foundation in core skills and knowledge. But those foundations must also incorporate 21st century skills: critical thinking, actions for success, and the ability to genuinely apply these in a global society. For the sake of today’s students who will be competing in a rapidly changing world, we must extend learning beyond the core and provide relevant and challenging real world connections throughout their education.”



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