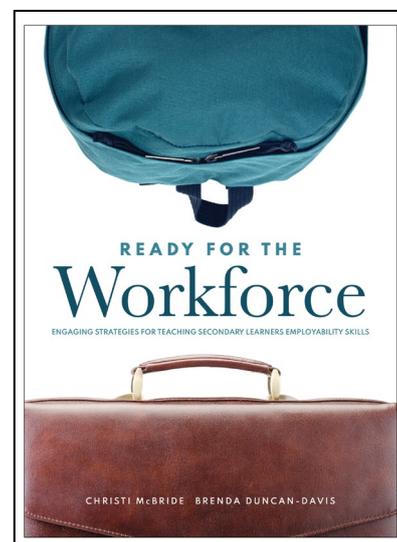


# Ready for the workforce

## Engaging strategies for teaching secondary learners employability skills

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### Summary

Whether a student's post-secondary plan is further education or direct workforce placement, all secondary learners must develop specific competencies to succeed in the global workplace. In *Ready for the workforce: Engaging strategies for teaching secondary learners employability skills*, authors Christi McBride and Brenda Duncan-Davis provide educators with empowering cooperative activities they can embed in their established curriculum to help nurture nine essential skill sets for career preparedness: (1) communication; (2) teamwork and collaboration; (3) critical thinking and problem solving; (4) workplace relationship building; (5) resource management; (6) growth mindset, resilience and grit; (7) ethics, values and integrity; (8) networking and interview know-how; and (9) career-pathway preparation. Each research-backed chapter includes relevant real-life examples and culminates in the activities that will give students the soft skills to thrive in whatever profession they choose.

Readers will:

- learn about educational initiatives and workforce-development programs that support the need for employability-skills instruction
- understand educators' roles in connecting students to the vast possibilities ahead of them
- address further education and career readiness while engaging students with skills that will make them lifelong learners
- discover classroom activities through which students can practice the nine skill sets without fear of failure.

## Other resources

- *Breakaway learners: Strategies for post-secondary success with at-risk students* (TCP3745)
- *Finnish lessons 2.0: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?*  
*Second edition* (TCP6210)
- *Leading educational change: Global issues, challenges, and lessons on whole-system reform* (TCP4162)
- *Building equity: Policies and practices to empower all learners* (117031)