Arkansas Scholars Presentation - Little Rock School District 8th Graders

• The objective of the presentation is to help students realize how the choices they make NOW can greatly impact their future. Smart, responsible choices provide them more options.

• Try to connect and relate. Share your stories and expand on ideas from the slides.

• Estimated presentation time is 45 minutes. Your visit is scheduled for 1 hour. Allow time for questions.

Kids can ask some pretty personal questions. Give it some thought. How might you answer a question like: “So how much money do you make?”

A fair response would be: "I am proud to say that I have worked in my career field for over xx years and have been able to provide for myself (and/or family) through educational and advancement opportunities as they have been offered."

**Introduction**

Share details you are comfortable with:

- What is your education, training or work experience?
- Were you a LRSD student?
- Why do you think this information is important for them to hear?

You enter high school as an Arkansas Scholar.

YOU CHOOSE IF YOU GRADUATE AS ONE!

Where will you be in 4 years?

**Choices After High School**

- College
- Technical training
- Military
- Entry-level job
- Unemployment

What direction will you take after high school?

- Even if you do not make a conscious choice your life will be on one of these life paths.
- Why not choose wisely? Something you like!
Life Span—the next four years are important

- Ages 14-18 are a critical period.
- Look at the years you spend learning to determine what you will be earning!
- Positive decisions made during the next 4-8 years can greatly improve the quality of life for the remaining 40+ years.

Success

- Good choices, personal focus, and dedication in 9th -12th grades can dramatically increase your success.

Requirements  VERY IMPORTANT SLIDE!!!!

- Review the four requirements that must be completed to graduate as an AR Scholar.
- A transcript is a permanent record of your high school years. Make it as positive as possible.
- If you graduate as an AR Scholar you will have a seal on your transcript that will indicate to employers, colleges, and trade schools you are likely to be dependable and hard working.

Real-life Impacts to consider NOW!!

- AR law requires teens to have a 2.0 GPA to take the driving test.
- Good grades will save money on auto insurance.
- Social media posts never disappear. How do you want to be viewed now? In 10 years? In 20 years?

Arkansas Scholar Requirements:

1. Take the Smart Core curriculum throughout high school.
2. Make a SEMESTER grade of “C” or better in all courses.
3. Maintain a 95% attendance rate throughout high school.
4. Complete high school in eight consecutive semesters.

成功

- 好的选择、个人专注和奉献在9th -12th年级时期可以显著提高你的成功。

要求  非常重要的幻灯片！！

- 检查必须完成的四条要求以毕业为AR学者。
- 成绩单是高中时期永久的记录。使其尽可能地积极。
- 如果作为AR学者毕业，成绩单上将有一个印章，表明你可能会是可靠和努力工作的。

现实影响需要考虑NOW!!

- AR法律要求青少年在14-18岁之间达到2.0 GPA才能参加驾驶考试。
- 好的成绩将会节省汽车保险费用。
- 社交媒体帖子永远不会消失。你现在想被如何看待？在10年？在20年？
Be Prepared
- MANY of the fastest growing jobs require additional training or education beyond high school.
- It is important to position yourself to have good options available to you.

No time like the present
- Decisions that impact your adult years starts NOW.
- YOU have control over your future. Set goals and work towards them.

What would YOU like to do when you get out of high school?
It is not unusual for students to say something about sports, video game play/design, or acting. Many do not realize how slim their chances are in those fields.

Being Famous
- Do you know a successful YouTube vloggers?
- Do you know a famous actor from Arkansas?
- What about sports figures? There aren’t many!
- Fame is not a realistic idea for most of us.

Professional Athletics
Did you know that ALL high school athletes must apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse - when headed off to play sports in college - which requires a 2.3 high school GPA!
Only 1.7% of college football players and 0.08% of high school players become pros.
Fast Money

• No such thing as ‘fast money' without HUGE risk.
It is a gamble not worth taking.

Post HS Graduate Job Market

• Respectable work, but minimum pay.
• These positions are not always full time.
• Often slow or no advancement in these jobs.

Minimum Wage Budget for a MONTH

Based on working 40 hours a week, 4 weeks a month.
• Taxes are taken out first. (What do our taxes go towards?)
• These 3 line items are deducted from your salary before your employer cuts you a check.

Monthly expenses: Let's look at typical needs -
• If you split rent with a roommate, you might could swing about $400 for an apartment.
• Car payment would typically run about $300
- and that is not a Denali or Cadillac!
• Auto insurance is high, particularly for those under 25 years old. . .so we will deduct $80 per month for that.
Average Incomes

- Education = greater earning power.
- You can lose a job but no one can take your education, training or skills away from you. That is what makes you employable.

Benefit of a Graduating AR Scholar (in Pulaski County)

- WOW! If you qualify for the Arkansas Scholars assistance program at Pulaski Tech, you could earn $2000 applied towards your college coursework.
- $2000 is a lot of money!!

Other opportunities

- There are many other scholarships and/or grants you MIGHT be eligible for when you graduate as an AR Scholar. Do not assume scholarships and training opportunities are only available for students at the top of the class.
- Be sure to check guidelines annually.

Summation

- Discuss the importance of their choices.
- Mention QR code on brochure to enter sweepstakes ★★★ NEW FOR 2022!!

Recap of AR Scholars requirements

- Review ALL points again, and again!!