



Pennsylvania Department of Education Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge – How to Participate!

Career Ready PA is excited to uplift Remake Learning Days Events and provide a seamless opportunity for students to obtain artifacts for their career portfolios by participating in events hosted as part of the festival.

The Remake Learning Days (virtual and live) festival takes place across Pennsylvania between May 6-16, 2021. Organizations showcase events focusing on hands-on learning. As part of the festival, libraries, schools, tech centers, museums, play spaces, community centers and more, host free events for the public for all age groups.

Events listed on the Remake Learning Days website with Career Ready PA/Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge qualify for the Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge. Students who register and participate in a qualified event will complete an artifact survey for portfolio credit and earn a Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge badge. Career Ready PA will also award a banner to schools with more than 100 badges/artifacts.

To register for the challenge, simply:

Go to the [Remake Learning Days Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge link](#). (The same link is used for registration, exploring events, completing the artifact survey.)

- 1) Register for the Challenge at the link above by April 30, 2021. (Only one school contact should register for the challenge, e.g., principal for the entire school, counselor, teacher, etc.)
Submit the registration! Your school is now registered for the Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge.
- 2) Explore Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge events at the Challenge link (above).
- 3) Register for an event/s. Events begin May 6 and run through May 16, 2021. (Note: Event registration is not limited to one event or one contact, e.g., a teacher can register for her class, a parent/caregiver can register for their children, students can register on their own.)
- 4) Once registered for the Challenge, your regional liaison will send marketing materials (from Remake Learning) to you.
- 5) Advertise the event with teachers, families, PTOs, and students!
- 6) Begin student participation in registered events on May 6, (steps 4 and 5) at the Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge Remake Learning Days link.
- 7) Remind students to **complete and submit the [Artifact Survey](#)** after participating in the live event; students will then receive credit for their portfolios and earn a badge! (Note: Whether or not a student participates in an event with a classroom teacher, each student must submit the artifact survey for credit).

Registered schools will receive a password-protected spreadsheet of participants who earned an artifact and badge by May 21, 2021.


The spreadsheet can be used as documentation for the portfolios. Evidence can be noted as “**Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge**” in the student portfolio. Badges will be sent to participants by May 31, 2021. Schools with more than 100 badges (artifacts) will receive a banner from their regional liaison to celebrate their success.

If you have any questions about the Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge, please contact your [Career Ready PA liaison](#) at the interactive link in the Career Ready PA map or in the table on the next page or Laura Fridirici, c-lfridiri@pa.gov, Career Readiness Advisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Ideas for participation:

- 1) Share flyers with PTO and encourage a Remake Learning Day Career Ready Backpack Challenge event, e.g., badge awards day.
- 2) Teachers can show a Career Ready PA Backpack Challenge Remake Learning Day event in class as part of instruction. Students submit an artifact survey after participation for credit.
- 3) Families can encourage children to enjoy a Remake Learning after-school event for live participation at home.
- 4) Entire schools can select a Remake Learning Day Career Ready Backpack Challenge time and participate in multiple events at once!
- 5) When the Challenge is over, schools can choose to celebrate badge awards with a festival, movie, outdoor activities, cafeteria ice cream vouchers, etc., with the support of PTO or community partner.

Below is a contact list for the Career Ready PA liaisons and a map of the Career Ready PA Regions.

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CRR 1	IU5 – NICK PAOLINI Nick_Paolini@iu5.org	Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren
CRR 2	IU27 – LORI CEREMUGA lori.ceremuga@bviu.org	Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, Westmoreland
CRR 3	IU6 – MATT LAVERDE mlaverde@riu6.org	Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter
CRR 4	IU11 – TIM MILLER tmiller@tiu11.org	Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset
CRR 5	IU17 – BROOKE BEITER bbeiter@iu17.org	Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wyoming
CRR 6	IU16 – ANTHONY SERAFINI aserafini@csiu.org	Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union
CRR 7	IU18 – TY YOST/SUE KUHL tyost@liu18.org skuhl@liu18.org	Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Wayne
CRR 8	IU21 – ANTONIO MIRABITO mirabitoa@cliu.org	Lehigh, Northampton
CRR 9	IU13 – KELLY GALBRAITH kelly_galbraith@iu13.org	Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York
CRR10	IU14 – STACY DUNLEAVY stadun@Berksiu.org	Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia

What’s in your backpack?