



Keys To Your Future



Introduction

Being an adult and choosing a career may seem like something that is very far in the future, yet, soon that time will be here. You want to be sure you have planned for a career that matches your interests and abilities. The following tips can help you as you plan your future.



All Students

- Aim high and make a commitment to a life of learning
- Ask your teacher how what you learn in school relates to careers
- Know your abilities and interests and explore different careers
- Develop a career plan that matches your interests and abilities
- Select a college program that connects with your career goals and interests
- Tell your teachers and principal that you are interested in learning about careers



Elementary Students

- Ask your parents and relatives questions about their jobs.
 - 👉 **Ask:->** What do they like? What do they do? What skills do they need?
- Visit your parents or relatives at work and see what their job is first hand.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:->** Do you think you would like this job? Why or why not?
- Go on a community scavenger hunt. See how many jobs you can find in your town.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:->** Which ones do you think you would like?
- Invite your mom and dad or a relative to school to talk to your class about their job.



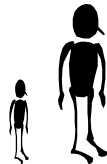
Middle School Students

- List your hobbies and the activities you like to do.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:**> What skills do you need? What jobs would use the same skills that you use in your hobbies and activities?
- Go to work with your mom and dad or a relative. Participate in job shadowing through your school.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:**> What jobs do you think would best match your interests and abilities?
- Go on a community scavenger hunt. Find as many jobs as you can that use the academic skills you learn in school.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:**> What subjects are you best in? What jobs did you find that use your academic strengths?



High School Students

- Participate in job experiences and internships that relate to your academic strengths.
- Go on a community scavenger hunt. Find jobs in your town that match your interests. Collect information from these businesses.
 - 👉 **Ask:**> What skills are needed? What type of training?
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:**> Which career seems to best match your interests and abilities?
- If you are going to college, select schools that have programs that support your career goals.
 - 👉 **Ask yourself:**> Which college has majors that best match your career goal?
- Develop a resume of your high school experiences. Include your academic and career experiences.



Parents and Families

- Increase your child's awareness of career options
- Support your child in developing good work habits
- Promote school-to-career system development with school officials
- Help your child understand the relationship between learning and earning
- Get involved in creating school-to-career opportunities in your child's school
- Network with civic and business organizations to create interest and involvement