

# Help your child connect to a career!



## Their future comes quicker than you think!

**A** career is more than just a job. To be career ready in our ever-changing global economy requires adaptability and a commitment to lifelong learning, along with mastery of key academic, technical, and workplace knowledge, skills, and dispositions that vary from one career to another and change over time as a person progresses along a developmental continuum.

**“Career readiness has no defined endpoint.”**

Career readiness starts with engaging classroom and work-based experiences that allow a student to master academic skills, employability skills, and job-specific technical skills. Students apply what they have learned by solving real-world problems alongside professionals through job shadowing, internships, youth apprenticeships, and community service projects.

## R U College and Career Ready?

### Learn more . . .

Virginia Career VIEW:  
[vacareerview.org](http://vacareerview.org)

Virginia Education Wizard:  
[vawizard.org](http://vawizard.org)

Virginia Career Clusters:  
[careertech.org/career-clusters/](http://careertech.org/career-clusters/)



The Virginia Department of Education's annual career exploration magazine is available at the CTE Resource Center's web site [www.cteresource.org](http://www.cteresource.org).



PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE  
AND CAREER READINESS

Help your child to investigate careers and plan their courses of study.

1. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
2. Architecture & Construction
3. Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications
4. Business Management & Administration
5. Education & Training
6. Finance
7. Government & Public Administration
8. Health Science
9. Hospitality & Tourism
10. Human Services
11. Information Technology
12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
13. Manufacturing
14. Marketing
15. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
16. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics



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# How can parents help?

**Have your child answer the following questions:**

**What are your favorite school subjects?**

**What school activities do you enjoy most?**

**What hobbies and interests are most valuable to you?**

**What achievements make you most proud?**

**What careers most interest you?**

**Guide your child through the following:**

**STEP 1:** Take a career interest assessment in middle school.

**STEP 2:** Identify interest in one or more career clusters.

**STEP 3:** Relate school subjects to career interests.

**STEP 4:** Understand how middle school subjects relate to jobs and careers.

**STEP 5:** Create an academic and career plan in middle school.