

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

Virginia Education Wizard:
vawizard.org

Virginia Career Clusters:
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.



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.