

Career Exploration - Monday 1/6

The Basics	Objectives	Start Here
Grade 9 - 12 Theme: Career Planning Duration: 15-20 Minutes	Students discover how they can find a career based on interests versus just finding any job.	Sometimes people choose a career path that isn't based on their interests, and that leads them to an unsatisfying career. Living your life's work means connecting your interests with your career.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES:

1. Team Building Activity: Let's get to know each other from a different perspective
 - a. Prepare a list of questions. Be imaginative when inventing them – they should be questions that are interesting to you, too. For example:
 - i. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
 - ii. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
 - iii. If you were a wizard, what would be your superpower?
 - iv. If you had to describe yourself using only three words, they would be...
 - v. What is your favorite band/movie/TV show/video game and why?
 - b. Prepare enough questions to keep the conversation going. Questions can be printed or written down on paper and then cut into slips – one slip, one question. Roll the question slips up and put them in a jar and your game is ready! Suggest the game to your guests – each one who participates takes one question from the jar.

Skills: Communication
2. Give each student "The Riasec test" Handout
3. Student complete handout.
4. Exit ticket: What careers are you seriously considering? What courses can you take while at DHS to support your career goals?

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. How will you ensure that you are choosing a career that is your life's work? What if your definition of life's work changes?

Which Career Pathway is right for you?

THE RIASEC TEST

Follow these easy steps to see where your interests are.

1. Read each statement. If you agree with the statement, fill in the circle. There are no wrong answers!

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I like to work on cars <input type="radio"/> 2. I like to do puzzles <input type="radio"/> 3. I am good at working independently <input type="radio"/> 4. I like to work in teams <input type="radio"/> 5. I am an ambitious person, I set goals for myself <input type="radio"/> 6. I like to organize things, (files, desks/offices) <input type="radio"/> 7. I like to build things <input type="radio"/> 8. I like to read about art and music <input type="radio"/> 9. I like to have clear instructions to follow <input type="radio"/> 10. I like to try to influence or persuade people <input type="radio"/> 11. I like to do experiments <input type="radio"/> 12. I like to teach or train people <input type="radio"/> 13. I like trying to help people solve their problems <input type="radio"/> 14. I like to take care of animals <input type="radio"/> 15. I wouldn't mind working 8 hours per day in an office <input type="radio"/> 16. I like selling things <input type="radio"/> 17. I enjoy creative writing <input type="radio"/> 18. I enjoy science <input type="radio"/> 19. I am quick to take on new responsibilities <input type="radio"/> 20. I am interested in healing people <input type="radio"/> 21. I enjoy trying to figure out how things work <input type="radio"/> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. I like putting things together or assembling things <input type="radio"/> 23. I am a creative person <input type="radio"/> 24. I pay attention to details <input type="radio"/> 25. I like to do filing or typing <input type="radio"/> 26. I like to analyze things (problems/situations) <input type="radio"/> 27. I like to play instruments or sing <input type="radio"/> 28. I enjoy learning about other cultures <input type="radio"/> 29. I would like to start my own business <input type="radio"/> 30. I like to cook <input type="radio"/> 31. I like acting in plays <input type="radio"/> 32. I am a practical person <input type="radio"/> 33. I like working with numbers or charts <input type="radio"/> 34. I like to get into discussions about issues <input type="radio"/> 35. I am good at keeping records of my work <input type="radio"/> 36. I like to lead <input type="radio"/> 37. I like working outdoors <input type="radio"/> 38. I would like to work in an office <input type="radio"/> 39. I'm good at math <input type="radio"/> 40. I like helping people <input type="radio"/> 41. I like to draw <input type="radio"/> 42. I like to give speeches <input type="radio"/> 																																
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2. Add up the number of filled in circles in each column and then add the two columns together for a grand total.

3. Using your grand total scores from above, transfer the scores for each letter into the appropriate column below.

- R = Realistic Total: _____
- I = Investigative Total: _____
- A = Artistic Total: _____
- S = Social Total: _____
- E = Enterprising Total: _____
- C = Conventional Total: _____

4. Take the three letters with the highest scores and record them under "My Interest Code".

5. Turn the page to see what this means!

MY INTEREST CODE

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RESULTS OF THE RIASEC TEST

R = Realistic

These people are often good at mechanical or athletic jobs. Good college majors for Realistic people are...

- Agriculture
- Health Assistant
- Computers
- Construction
- Mechanic/Machinist
- Engineering
- Food and Hospitality

Related Pathways

- Natural Resources
- Health Services
- Industrial and Engineering Technology
- Arts and Communication

S = Social

These people like to work with other people, rather than things. Good college majors for Social people are...

- Counseling
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Travel
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Education

Related Pathways

- Health Services
- Public and Human Services

I = Investigative

These people like to watch, learn, analyze and solve problems. Good college majors for Investigative people are...

- Marine Biology
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Zoology
- Medicine/Surgery
- Consumer Economics
- Psychology

Related Pathways

- Health Services
- Business
- Public and Human Services
- Industrial and Engineering Technology

E = Enterprising

These people like to work with others and enjoy persuading and performing. Good college majors for Enterprising people are:

- Fashion Merchandising
- Real Estate
- Marketing/Sales
- Law
- Political Science
- International Trade
- Banking/Finance

Related Pathways

- Business
- Public and Human Services
- Arts and Communication

A = Artistic

These people like to work in unstructured situations where they can use their creativity. Good majors for Artistic people are...

- Communications
- Cosmetology
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Photography
- Radio and TV
- Interior Design
- Architecture

Related Pathways

- Public and Human Services
- Arts and Communication

C = Conventional

These people are very detail oriented, organized and like to work with data. Good college majors for Conventional people are...

- Accounting
- Court Reporting
- Insurance
- Administration
- Medical Records
- Banking
- Data Processing

Related Pathways

- Health Services
- Business
- Industrial and Engineering Technology