

Session 3 – Career Exploration: Mapping your Future

Activity 1 – Exploring Jobs in a Middle School

Divide the students into groups of 3. Give the students 5 minutes to write down as many paid job positions found in a middle school as they can. The group that comes up with the most names wins. Go over the different positions with the students. Explore the differences in the qualifications needed for each position. Discuss how many different positions may exist at a shopping mall or Fortune 500 company.

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Activity 2 – Exploring Middle School Subjects

Allow the students to maintain their groups. Challenge the students to list as many subjects as they can that are taught at Chandler Middle School. Give them 5 minutes. Have the students share their lists with the class.

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Activity 3 – Mapping Your Future

Everyone’s career exploration map or route looks a little different. However there are some events that must precede others. Put these events/actions in the proper chronological order. You can skip some events. You can add events using the lines marked other. Please describe the event that you add.

_____ Graduate from high school

_____ Take the SAT test

_____ Apply 4 scholarships for college

_____ Apply to colleges

_____ Save for college

_____ Graduate from college

_____ Choose your high school electives

_____ Choose a college major

_____ Get college acceptance letters

_____ Receive your CMS 8th grade completion certificate

_____ Choose a college to attend

_____ Take the PSAT test

_____ Apply for a job

_____ Start you own business

_____ Other _____

_____ Other _____

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Activity 4 – How Subjects Relate To Careers

Often times the subjects that you prefer in school can help you select a career path. Read and answer the questions listed below. Be prepared to share your answers with the class.

Which academic subject(s) relates to almost every career?

- A. Reading
- B. Mathematics
- C. Science
- D. History
- E. All of the Above

List three jobs that would cause you to work directly with mathematics.

List three jobs that would cause you to work directly with writing.

List three jobs that would cause you to work directly with science.

List three jobs that would cause you to work directly with history.

List three jobs in which you would work directly with your hands.

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Answers

Activity 1

Answers:

Teachers

Teacher Assistant

School Psychologist

School Social Worker

School Speech Pathologist

Librarian

Exceptional Education Compliance Specialist

School Counselors

Attendance Worker

Guidance Secretary

Office Secretary

Cafeteria Line Worker

Cafeteria Cook

Principal

Instructional Technology Specialist

Assistant Principal

Custodian

Crew Chief

Security Guard

Cafeteria Manager

Program Counselors

School Nurse

Resource Office

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Answers

Activity 2

Answers:

Algebra

Earth Science

Geometry

SPACE

Math

English

Science

History

Art

Career

PE

Exceptional Education

Spanish

Portuguese

Band

Choir

Algebra Readiness