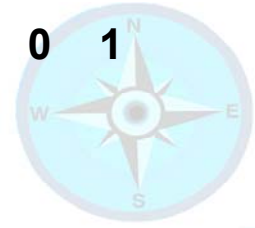

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GRADE: 8

LESSON: 9

THEME: EXPLORING CAREERS



LESSON GOALS:

- Help students continue to explore their interests.
- Discuss the connections between student's interests and career opportunities.
- Help students learn about the educational requirements for different careers.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What are my interests?
- What should I do?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Career Pathways Worksheet** (*located on the last page of this lesson plan*)

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss students' interests.** Students have had several opportunities during middle school to learn more about their interests and about careers that might be interesting to them. Discuss what they've learned. How many of your students have a good idea of what they'd like to do for a career? How has that changed since 6th grade? Since 7th grade? (*5-10 minutes*)
2. **Review Career Pathways.** When they are in high school, your students may be expected to choose a career pathway. Discuss the career pathways you introduced during Lesson 8. Review the five different career pathways and the types of careers associated with each. Discuss these with your students. Which sound most interesting to them? Why? How do these pathways relate to the career exploration work they've already done? (*5-10 minutes*)
3. **Relate Career Pathways to educational needs.** Next, distribute copies of the **Career Pathway Worksheet** and discuss it with your students. Explain that choosing a career pathway can help them focus on the high school classes they need to take to be sure they're ready for postsecondary education and career opportunities. Ask students to work individually or in small groups to complete the worksheet. (*5-10 minutes*)

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Career Pathway Worksheet.** Each student should complete a worksheet.





CAREER PATHWAYS WORKSHEET – Gr 8

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor: _____

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

You've had the opportunity to explore your interests and to learn about careers that are interesting to you. Soon it will be time to take action on your career interests.

Next year, when you are in high school, you may be asked to choose a **Career Pathway**. Choosing a career pathway will help you stay focused and take the right classes so that you'll be ready for postsecondary plans and ready to start working toward your dream career.

You won't choose a career pathway until next year. But let's spend some time thinking about the career pathway that might be right for you.

WHICH CAREER PATHWAY SOUNDS RIGHT TO YOU?

Based on your interests, please show your choice of career pathway below:

- Agriculture, Science, and Natural Resources
- Art, Media, Communications, and Design
- Business, Management, and Finance
- Education, Social, and Health Services
- Engineering, Science, and Technology

What interests you about this pathway?

What career choice within this pathway is most interesting to you? Why?

I am interested in: _____ because _____

What types of courses do you think you should take during high school to prepare for this career? (*For example, for the Agriculture, Science, and Natural Resources Pathway, you will definitely need to take Biology!*)

