

# Career Pathways

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Discover your pathway by visiting the Career Pathways website.

**G**aining independence, moving on and finding a career – that’s what you can expect once you leave high school. The trick is to jumpstart your future and plan for life after high school before graduation. But how can you do that? Well, take the first step by visiting this website.

**A** pathway is a method of searching for a career that fits your interests and lifestyle and then allows you to build academic courses around it. The pathway recommends individual high school courses – both academic and career-related – to concentrate on which are specifically geared toward the career you’ve chosen. All of this planning starts as early as high school and continues as you enroll in a college or university and decide on degree programs and classes needed to help you prepare for your career.

**T**his website is a guide to assist students, parents, counselors, teachers, and others with resources around a particular career path. The pathways were designed by high school teachers and college instructors whose expertise lies in that particular field. Each pathway is chock full of information to educate students about occupations, employer expectations, educational opportunities and much more.

Applied Arts & Communications	Business & Management	Health Services	Human Services	Industrial & Engineering Systems	Natural Resource Systems
Information Technology Pathway	Management, Marketing & Finance Pathway	Health Services Pathway	Criminal Justice & Legal Services Pathway	Construction Pathway	Agriculture & Environmental Services Pathway
Visual Arts Pathway	Hospitality & Tourism Pathway		Family Community & Social Services Pathway	Engineering & Architecture Pathway	
Publishing, Broadcasting & Communications Pathway			Emergency & Fire Services Pathway	Manufacturing Pathway	
Performing Arts Pathway			Education Pathway	Transportation Pathway	
			Government & Public Administration Pathway		

## Applied Arts and Communications Focus Area

Walk down this path if you love the arts -- whether it's performing or visual and the venue is a stage or a museum. Also check out these pathways if you enjoy designing web sites or want to develop new computer games, if you want to write for a newspaper or magazine or if you hope to find work as a television broadcaster. Pathways include Information Technology, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Publishing & Broadcasting.

## Business & Management Focus Area

Walk down this path if you are someone who likes to market new products, manage budgets and sell real estate. Would you like to own your own business someday? Or perhaps your ideal work conditions are toiling away under sunny skies near beautiful beaches. Check out careers as a chef, travel agent or convention planner working at exotic resorts. Pathways in this Focus Area include Management, Marketing & Finance and Hospitality & Tourism.

## Health Services Focus Area

Walk down this path if you want to save people's lives. With an aging population, more people are living longer than decades ago but they also are fighting diseases and illnesses. Careers in these pathways deal with keeping people healthy and using technology to diagnose and treat health problems. Check out the Health Services Pathway.

## Human Services Focus Area

If you want to give back to your community walk down this path. The careers span the spectrum – from educating children to protecting neighborhoods to responding to accidents to serving the public as an elected official. The careers in these pathways are varied but are rooted in a general principle: to help others in need. Pathways in this Focus Area include Criminal Justice & Legal Services; Education; Family, Community & Social Services; Emergency & Fire Services; and Government & Public Administration.

## Industrial & Engineering Systems Focus Area

Walk down this career path if you never stop wondering how things work. If you're a detail-oriented person who loves to use technical and mechanical skills then consider these pathways. The careers range from a carpenter and electrical engineer to a machinist and automotive service technician. Pathways included here are Construction, Engineering & Architecture, Manufacturing, and Transportation.

## Natural Resource Systems Focus Area

If you want to save the planet from global warming or toxic waste then walk down this path. If you would like to develop new food products and market them globally or are fascinated with animals and their well-being then this could be the pathway for you? If you want to safeguard the environment for generations to come then consider careers in forest conservation, environmental science and zoology and wildlife. Check out the Agriculture & Environmental Services Pathway.

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