

20 Ways to Use Career Pathways Maps

Student Support Coordinators can:

1. Help students set goals and identify next steps.
2. Help students develop a career and education plan.
3. Work with students to research different jobs available with an employer.
4. Explain the variety of occupations available within an industry.
5. Explain the process of bidding on jobs.
6. Inform classroom instruction.

Teachers can:

1. Interview local employers to identify knowledge and skills required for entry level jobs.
2. Connect academic skills to a variety of entry level jobs in an industry.
3. Create a classroom activity where students match and order education requirements to occupations beginning at entry level.
4. Connect the academic skills taught in the classroom to the occupations on student career pathway maps.
5. Explain the importance of networking and interpersonal relationships needed to move along a career path.
6. Explain the transference of skills and knowledge from one occupation to another.

Students can:

1. Complete pathway maps of occupations held by family members.
2. Complete pathways maps of their own past jobs and compare and contrast skills, knowledge, and tasks among those jobs.
3. Create a career path from entry level to master's degree level of occupations that fit into one of the occupations identified on an Interest Assessment.
4. Plan out next step options, then compare and contrast the effort involved in moving along different paths.
5. Focus on the educational requirements and certifications needed to move along a career path.
6. Identify all relevant information needed to make a decision about pursuing a particular career path (e.g., salary, certification, OJT, openings, job growth).
7. Complete the map while listening to a guest speaker.
8. Complete the map while performing a job shadow.