

Career Exploration and Development Resources

Grades K – 8

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Bizy Bees Working Together http://wiscareers.wisc.edu/G_Catalog/cat_detail.asp?key=00735 An online elementary career program from Wisconsin. Bizzy Bee is a career game for k-1 students. Cost is \$11.95 - \$39.95 depending on what you purchase. Students can work individually or in small groups to match the Bizzy Bee occupation cards to the Career Cluster Hives that form a large classroom display. Games include 16 Bizzy Bees Career Clusters or 64 Bizzy Bees Occupation Cards or “Bees” and more.	X		
Career Bingo http://www.breitlinks.com/careers/career_pdfs/careerbingo.pdf Here's a fun way to look at different careers with a traditional favorite B I N G O! This complete lesson has directions, BINGO sheets, everything you need.	X	X	
Careers Are Everywhere Activity Booklet http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/shared/careersareeverywhere.asp Children start exploring careers as early as the elementary grades. This booklet provides some suggestions to help young children begin to think about careers.	X	X	
Career Heroes http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org/admin/uploadedPublications/3314_career_heroes.pdf Career Heroes is a set of career education tools designed around the theme of popular trading card games. The goal of Career Heroes is to introduce 3rd and 4th graders to the concept of career planning and to teach them the basics of using career information. Career Heroes consist of a career awareness workbook and teacher’s guide with additional classroom activities.		X	
What Will I Be? http://www.getreadyforcollege.org/pdfGR/WhatWillBe.pdf What Will I Be? helps fourth grade students learn about goal setting and self-esteem, and ties skills and interests to career choices.		X	
Career Family Tree http://www.breitlinks.com/careers/career_pdfs/familytreews.pdf Students take a look at the careers chosen by their grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives.		X	X
Engineer Girl! http://www.engineergirl.org/ The Engineer Girl website is part of an NAE project to bring national attention to the opportunity that engineering represents to all people at any age, but particularly to women and girls.		X	X
KidsWork! http://www.knowitall.org/kidswork/ Explore interesting jobs in a variety of virtual workplaces.		X	X
The Fun Works – For Careers You Never Knew Existed http://thefunworks.edc.org/SPT--homegraphic.php This Web site is about careers. Students explore many different areas, not just the ones that seem obvious, think about what they enjoy and then see where it leads.		X	X

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Early Start Career Series http://jist.emcp.com/early-start-career-series-instructor-s-manual.html This toolkit focuses on introducing career clusters to younger students. The resources in this toolkit are designed to promote fun, interactive ways to learn about career clusters at the elementary level. Instructor’s manual is \$26.95.		X	X
Labor Market Career Information (LMCI) www.cdr.state.tx.us This site provides students, teachers, parents, and counselors with links to products and services offered by LMCI. Teachers and counselors will discover materials, tools, and information that will help them to provide effective career counseling.		X	X
Career Cluster Activities (Arkansas) http://www.arcota.org/arcota.org/Career_Cluster_Activities.html A large variety of Career Cluster activities for grades 6-12.			X
Could This Be Your Life? http://www.ncrctv.com/index.asp An interactive game teaching students about careers and life choices. Students select a career, form a family and choose a place to live and see the consequences their choices may have on their life.			X
Drive of Your Life http://www.driveofyourlife.org/ Drive of Your Life is a fun online career exploration game that helps middle school and high school students learn more about themselves, higher education and careers. This free educational tool lets kids answer a series of questions about themselves to learn what careers could interest them and then go on a virtual drive to learn more about each of those careers – all in their own customized car.			X
Girls Know How http://www.girlsknowhow.com/ This website and the book series inspire young readers to explore careers and follow their dreams! Here students will uncover exciting careers, learn about women who have risen to the tops of their fields and find out how they achieved their success.			X
Venture Publications, Inc.; On Track & Movin’ On http://www.venturepubs.com/ On Track and Movin’ On career discovery stay-in-school magazines are perfect for career curriculum in the classroom, after school career exploration workshops and career days! A PDF Teacher Guide with lesson plans and options are available for each article.			X
Washington OSPI http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/SparkingFuture.aspx The “Sparking the Future” curriculum was designed for students who are the first in their family to attend college. These lessons provide extra help for students in grades 6 through 12. Students follow a guided tour through postsecondary options, helping them explore college and career options.			X
Career Investigation http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/shared/careerinvestigation.asp Published by the Texas Workforce Commission, this resource encourages junior high students to “Explore Your Options” in an interesting, user-friendly, motivating approach, presented in a magazine circular format.			X
Career Cruiser http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/pdf/cruiser-2003.pdf This site provides career and educational information for middle school students.			X

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What's My Job? Game http://www.careerkids.com/documents/eWMJ1.pdf Students match clues to various job titles.			X
Sailing Into Your Future http://www.nd.gov/cte/programs/career-dev/docs/SailingIntoYourFutureStudent.pdf An activity book that is intended to help middle school students assess their interests, personality traits, skills, learning styles; and learn more about what is important to them. They will also explore the changing world of work, occupations of interest, career clusters, and cool jobs in technology and how to get there. Lastly, they will plan by learning how to set and reach goals, make a budget, and more.			X
What's My Next Move? http://www.careeronestop.org/TridionMultimedia/WMNM%20FINAL%20JAN%2007%202013_TCM24-13704.pdf The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has developed a new online guide to help students and job seekers chart their future career paths. The guide-- What's My Next Move? --connects young people to career exploration resources available on the CareerOneStop (COS) website and the O*NET site, My Next Move (www.mynextmove.org). The guide encourages students to think and make decisions about their futures, and to engage with career counselors, workforce professionals, teachers, and parents or guardians.			X
Career Jeopardy Games http://pages.minot.k12.nd.us/votech/File/Jeopardy.htm#element Provided by Minot, North Dakota Career & Technical Education, the goal of the Elementary Career Jeopardy Games is to create career awareness. The games are designed to be facilitated by a teacher in a classroom setting with the entire class participating.	X	X	X
INFUSING EQUITY BY GENDER INTO THE CLASSROOM: A Handbook of Classroom Practices http://www.ricw.ri.gov/publications/GEH/lessons.htm A handbook of gender equity lessons.	X	X	X
Kids.gov! http://www.kids.gov/ Kids.gov is a site where kids can create, share, learn and have fun! There are a variety of great resources that offer information that can help with anything from homework assignments to class projects, group activities, contests, careers and educational games. You don't have to worry about unsafe links or advertising on Kids.gov.	X	X	X
Mar Global Conveyor for Kids and Students http://mgs-mager.gsfc.nasa.gov/Kids/careers.html This site is part of the NASA website and offers some great career sites for kids who are interested in becoming part of the space program. Explore programs for those interested in careers in astronomy, chemistry, geology, chemistry, science and space exploration.	X	X	X
Oklahoma CareerTech http://www.okcareertech.org/cac/Pages/resources_products/Classroom/cluster_activities_K6.htm Oklahoma Career Information Systems provides career information activities specific to the career clusters which assists in connecting classrooms, community and careers for Grades K – 6.	X	X	X
TeachEngineering www.teachengineering.org The TeachEngineering digital library provides teacher-tested, standards-based engineering content for K-12 to use in science and math classrooms. Engineering lessons connect real-world experiences with curricular content already taught in K-12 classrooms. Mapped to educational content standards, this comprehensive curriculum are hands-on, inexpensive, and relevant to children's daily lives.	X	X	X

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Vocational Information Center http://www.khake.com/page64.html Career guides and activities for students in elementary, middle school and high school. A wide variety of career curriculum and resources.	X	X	X
When I Grow Up http://www.wrksolutions.com/whenigrowup/ Workforce Solutions is proud to make the "When I Grow Up" educational program available to you at no charge. This mini-unit can be used in conjunction with your school's career day or done in the classroom. Each lesson includes the audience type, time allotment, level of Bloom's Taxonomy and the TEKS that apply. The mini-unit is designed to be flexible so you can use and customize the lessons that best suit your instructional needs.	X	X	X
Bureau of Labor Statistics K-12 http://www.bls.gov/k12/ This interactive site explores career information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.	X	X	X
Bridges Transitions Co. www.bridges.com Bridges builds on a K – 16 Framework that aligns student planning and programs of study to career clusters and pathways. Contact Bridges for pricing options.	X	X	X
Career Cruising www.careercruising.com Career Cruising is a user-friendly, web-based career exploration and planning program that helps students meet their college and career goals and educators track their students' success. Contact Career Cruising for pricing options.	X	X	X
KUDER www.kuder.com The Kuder system gives students resources to help them make better informed decisions in planning their futures. Students have lifetime access to an education planner, resume builder, and educational and occupational exploration options. Contact Kuder for pricing options.	X	X	X
Parent Guide to Careers: 10 Steps to Help Your Child Prepare for a Career http://www.takestockinchildren.org/pdf/resources-parents-careerplanning.pdf A mini-course on career development designed to help parents prepare their children to make good career decisions.	X	X	X
AchieveTexas Career Planning and Development Resources LiveBinder www.achievetexas.org/Resources1.htm A wealth of career-related resources for counselors to use with students and parents in developing the students' personal graduation plan, as well as other college and work-related resources in helping students meet their future career goals beyond high school.			X
The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences www.ccfcs.org Online comprehensive curriculum for Exploring Careers and Career Portals middle school career development courses. \$200 per course (price reduced after first year).			X
Career & Technical Education – University of North Texas http://cte.unt.edu/ Scope and sequence documents for Exploring Careers and specific Career Portals courses.			X