

CAREER CLUSTER ACTIVITY IDEAS

WHAT IS A CAREER CLUSTER?

A career cluster is a group of careers that share common features. If you like one job in a cluster, you will probably find other jobs in that cluster that you will like as well. Allowing students to explore options within a cluster may help them discover careers ideally suited to their interests and goals.

Choose the most appropriate ideas below to help your child learn about Career Clusters. Which activities did they like most? At which activities did they excel? Which clusters did they want to research most? What skills emerged from the activities? Try to think of more activities to build on their interests. Have fun!!!

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Architecture & Construction	Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	Business, Management & Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant flowers & vegetables. • Pick up litter and recycle in your neighborhood. • Help take care of a pet. • Visit a working farm or zoo. • Identify trees and shrubs in your neighborhood. • Go camping & keep a journal of all the plants & animals you see. Choose one to research. • Learn about local fish and game laws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design your dream house. • Help paint your bedroom. • Draw a map of your street. • Design a birdhouse, prepare your budget, and build it. • Follow the progress of a construction project; keep a journal of the changes you see. • Watch an appliance being repaired & ask questions, but don't get in the way! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write & deliver a news report that describes what you did over the weekend. Record it. • Compose a song or poem about your favorite personal possession. Record yourself. • Visit a museum or local attraction. Draw your favorite display or activity & describe it. • Make a photo collage of your friends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a club officer. • Manage a fundraiser. • Organize a school event. • Interview an accountant or chief executive. • Make an appointment to visit a small business and talk with the manager/owner. • Use a planner to organize your activities and assignments.

Education & Training	Finance	Government & Public Administration	Health Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor a family member. • Teach a friend how to do a skill you're really good at. • Interview a teacher about the pros and cons of the job. • Visit a college campus. • Become a camp counselor. • Plan a family field trip. • Shadow a librarian. • Read to an elderly person. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be treasurer for a school club. • Interview an accountant or an insurance sales agent. • Keep a spreadsheet of everything you spend in a month. • Plan a personal budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a persuasive speech to convince your parents of something you want. • Speak to your local legislator. • Volunteer to campaign for a political candidate. • Run for class president. • Attend a city planning meeting. • Interview an urban planner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the first aid supplies are in your home & learn how to use them. • Help your family plan a week of healthy, well-balanced meals. • Interview the school nurse. • Volunteer at a local nursing home. • Draw & label the body parts.

Hospitality & Tourism	Human Services	Information Technology	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to cook your favorite dish. Plan and serve a meal to your family. Plan a family trip – where you will go, what you will see, and how much it will cost. Make friends with people who have moved here from other countries. Show a new student around your school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in fitness classes. Volunteer at a nursing home or homeless shelter. Participate in a community service organization. Interview the owner of a hair salon, a dry-cleaning business, or a funeral parlor. Volunteer at your community food bank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a personal website. Take apart an old computer. Interview a Database Administrator. Enter a robotics contest. Install software. Join a computer or technology club at your school. Learn a computer programming language. Develop an app. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to a local police scanner. Volunteer as a national junior firefighter. Learn CPR and first aid. Interview a police officer, a judge, or private investigator. Become a lifeguard. Create and practice a fire escape with for your family.

Manufacturing	Marketing, Sales & Service	STEM	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use graph paper to create a scaled drawing of an object. Build a birdhouse or shelf out of wood. Make a beaded necklace. Interview a welder, millwright or engineering technician. Build a container using popsicle sticks. Create an original craft or project. Create how-to plans to share with others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design an advertisement for an item you want to sell. Arrange flowers from your garden in a vase. Interview a retail sales clerk or realtor. Initiate a marketing survey to discover which rock groups your friends like most. Chart and share your results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiment with different designs for a paper airplane to see which flies the farthest. Engineers are professional problem-solvers. How many different kinds of engineers can you learn about? Harness wind power by creating a balloon powered car, hover craft or boat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transportation – what’s available near your home? Map the bus routes for your school. Take a ride on the Wilmington & Western Railroad. Interview a professional driver, pilot or captain. Research logistician.

FOLLOW UP CONVERSATIONS

OCCUPATIONS	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	WORKING CONDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What jobs are responsible for this work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What type of knowledge is required in this occupation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What type of skills are needed in these occupations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the working conditions in this occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> location working hours routine or frequently changing low or high stress