

ELEMENTARY CAREER STUDIES

Teacher Notes

Elementary career studies emphasize career awareness and exploration – not career choice. Career exploration at the elementary school level should allow children to become more self-aware of their skills, abilities and interests and how those traits relate to future career goals. Integrating career conversations across the curriculum allows students to connect the classroom to the real world. The goal of elementary career studies is to provide:

- equal access to career exploration
- opportunities to explore interests, abilities, values and goals
- develop the mindset that learning is lifelong for any career they pursue

CAREER EXPLORATION CONTINUUM

PRIMARY GRADES

Students in kindergarten and 1st grade should be introduced to careers in their community. Students in the 2nd and 3rd grade can understand the similarities and differences between groups of careers making this an ideal time to introduce the [sixteen \(16\) career clusters](#). This organizational framework is important to future career development and understanding future career pathways. INTERMEDIATE GRADES

Rather than focusing on a career, students in the 4th and 5th grades should begin the process of self-discovery through exploring the knowledge, skills and working environments common to careers within the 16 clusters. The resource within this document, “Dig Deeper,” provides sample tasks that allow students to explore those skills and knowledge. The resource, “Is a Career in (*cluster*) for Me?” guides students to reflect to determine their interest in this cluster.

USING THIS DOCUMENT

These activities do not constitute a curriculum, rather they provide a variety of activities to be used within the context of a career studies program that spans K-5. Resources progress by grade level from kindergarten to 5th grade and may be modified to meet student needs. For each cluster, instructional routines may include:

- **Engage** students through videos, online activities, guest speakers or hands on activities
- **Explore** by using texts from the cluster book list as read alouds or part of the classroom library
- **Extend** learning by using resources from this document in learning centers, individual work or group projects

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LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY RESOURCES

Teacher Resource

Note: Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security are divided into pathways. Listed below are some of the careers found in each pathway and range from entry level to those that require postsecondary training, certificates and/or degrees. This list serves only to build educator background knowledge. Students are not introduced to career pathways until the 6th–8th grade band.

Corrections Services

Specialists in this pathway are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or serving time in a jail, reformatory or penitentiary. Many in this field are involved with the treatment, education and reintegration of offenders.

- Correction Officer
- Jail Administrator
- Probation Officer
- Warden
- Youth Services Worker

Emergency and Fire Management Services

Firefighters and emergency services workers help protect the public by responding rapidly to a variety of emergencies. They are frequently the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called to put out a fire, treat injuries or other vital functions.

- Dispatcher
- Emergency Planning Manager
- EMT
- Firefighter
- Hazardous Materials Responder

Law Enforcement Services

People depend on law enforcement officers and detectives to protect their lives and property. Duties range from controlling traffic to preventing and investigating crimes as they work to maintain order and enforce laws and ordinances.

- Bailiff
- Criminal Investigator
- Evidence Technician
- Federal Marshall
- Police Officer

Legal Services

The legal system affects nearly every aspect of our society, from buying a home to crossing the street. Workers in this pathway follow to a strict code of ethics and work to ensure laws and regulations are obeyed.

- Attorney
- Court Reporter
- Judge
- Paralegal
- Mediator or Arbitrator

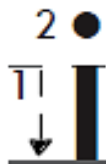
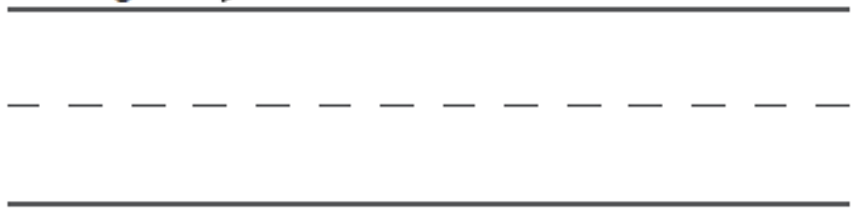
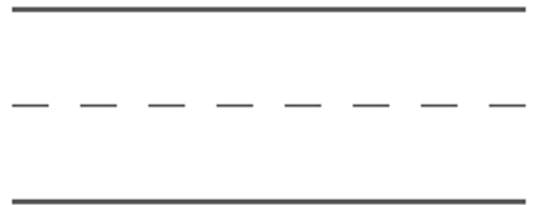
Security and Protection Services

Security personnel often work in public buildings such as museums, government buildings, factories, etc. They monitor people and vehicles entering and leaving the premises and work to protect information, products, computer codes and defense secrets.

- Armored Car Guard
- Corporate Security Director
- Computer Forensics Examiner
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Private Investigator

Alphabet Letter Printing Worksheet

Practice writing each upper case and lower case letter on the lines below as shown on the sample letters. Then write the name of the occupation.



Inspector



Alphabet Letter Printing Worksheet

Practice writing each upper case and lower case letter on the lines below as shown on the sample letters. Then write the name of the occupation.





Judge

LAWYER



Lawyers help clients with legal matters by gathering information and preparing for trial. They are also called attorneys.

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY



FIREFIGHTER

Firefighters keep us safe by putting out fires. They also teach us fire safety so we know what to do in case of a fire.

Handwriting Practice

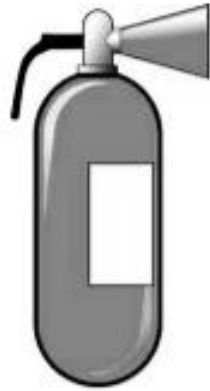
Directions: Write the correct word under the picture.

helmet

ladder

hose

extinguisher







Sample Careers

1. Lawyer _____
2. Security Officer _____
3. Firefighter _____
4. Police Officer _____
5. _____

Can you think of another?

Careers in the Law, Public Safety & Security cluster help protect the people living in the community. They may work in law offices, police stations, fire stations or jails. You can be a sheriff, judge, emergency medical technician (EMT) or warden and be in this career cluster.





Name _____

**Draw a picture of a someone in the law,
public safety and security career cluster helping the community.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw a picture of a professional in the law, public safety, and security career cluster helping the community.

Describe your drawing.

Would you like to use this career to serve your community with? Explain why or why not.

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Careers

K	D	C	I	P	A	T	T	O	R	N	E	Y	D
I	P	A	R	A	M	E	D	I	C	K	E	S	E
N	P	C	B	A	I	L	I	F	F	G	E	F	P
V	A	F	C	L	E	R	K	L	D	G	F	D	U
E	R	I	T	I	N	S	E	U	Y	I	T	A	T
S	A	R	T	E	T	T	J	M	R	A	R	D	Y
T	L	E	R	L	E	T	O	E	R	A	W	I	T
I	E	F	A	V	A	M	H	E	G	J	A	E	A
G	G	I	N	E	R	S	T	U	I		T	J	R
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CLERK
 EMT
 LAWYER
 RANGER
 SHERIFF
 INVESTIGATOR
 PARALEGAL
 FIREFIGHTER
 DETECTIVE

MAGISTRATE
 BAILIFF
 ATTORNEY
 PARAMEDIC
 MARSHALL
 JUDGE
 DEPUTY
 DISPATCHER

Play this puzzle online at: <https://bit.ly/3dTibTW>

DIG DEEPER

Note: These tasks serve only to generate ideas and connect real world activities to academic content. **Exploratory Tasks** may be teacher led through a class project, demonstration or assignment. **Extension Tasks** may be modified to align with ELA, math, science or social studies content through writing, determining/comparing costs, human impact, etc.

Exploratory Tasks	Extension Tasks
Talk with a counselor or teacher to learn ways to reduce or resolve conflict.	Create an infographic to encourage kindness and share with others.
Talk to your parents about what to do in case of a fire at home.	Draw a floor plan of your home. Show escape routes from each of the rooms in the event of a fire. Highlight a place to meet after escaping.
Review the classroom rules or school handbook. Discuss the purpose of each of the rules or expectations with a teacher or counselor.	Use PPT, Prezi or other digital tool to inform others of expectations for the class or school.
Interview a law enforcement officer to learn how to keep yourself or your home safe.	Record a video to share safety tips with others.

Is a Career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security for Me?

Would you be interested in a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security? Below are knowledge and skill statements related to the careers in this cluster. Read each statement. Decide if this describes you by checking the Yes, No or Maybe box.

THINGS I LIKE TO DO	YES	NO	MAYBE
Work under pressure or in the face of danger			
Make decisions based on my own observations			
Interact with other people			
Be in positions of authority			
Respect rules and regulations			
Debate and win arguments			
Observe and analyze people's behavior			
PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME	YES	NO	MAYBE
Adventurous			
Dependable			
Community-minded			
Decisive			
Optimistic			
SCHOOL SUBJECTS THAT INTEREST ME	YES	NO	MAYBE
Language arts			
Psychology or sociology			
Government, history or social studies			
Law enforcement			
First aid or first responder			

Did you check YES most often? If so, continue to explore careers and opportunities in this cluster. And don't forget to focus on your language arts and social studies classes to build the academic skills you need for these careers.

Did you check NO most often? If so, don't worry. There hundreds of jobs to explore in the other 15 career cluster.

Did you check MAYBE most often? If so, continue to explore in this cluster as well as investigating how your skills and interests may be a good match in other clusters as well.