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# INTEGRATING K-5 CAREER CONNECTIONS CONCEPTS: A LIVE DEMONSTRATION OF ONLINE TOOLS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATORS

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# AGENDA

- Introduction to Career Connections
- Career Connections In Action
- Live Demo of Supporting Resources



# INTRODUCTION TO CAREER CONNECTIONS



# CAREER CONNECTIONS FRAMEWORK

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The Career Connections Framework is a planning tool for districts to provide students with opportunities to develop a vision and realistic plan for their futures. This framework aligns the many efforts around college and career readiness to support students in becoming productive and engaged citizens.



# CAREER CONNECTION FRAMEWORK



**Awareness** - Students become more familiar with careers through learning that connects classroom instruction to future work.

**Exploration** - Students explore their career interests through embedded activities and learn of work environments and develop an understanding of the various aspects of the workplace.

**Planning** - Students begin to plan for their future with career information and postsecondary education data while engaging in hands-on work-based experiences.





# CAREER CONNECTIONS IN ACTION

## K-5



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## Interactive Career and Self-Discovery Activities:

- Weekly themed activities focusing on different career fields (e.g., science, arts, public service).
- Guest speakers from various professions to share their experiences and engage with students.
- Activities to help students identify their interests and strengths, like interest surveys and storytelling sessions.
- Group discussions and reflective exercises to encourage self-awareness and peer interactions.
- Activities focusing on soft skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

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## Career Exploration Activities:

- Role-playing games to simulate different jobs.
- Creative arts and crafts projects related to various professions.
- Field trips to local businesses or community centers (if feasible and safe). Bringing to businesses to you

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## Family Engagement and Participation:

- Inviting families to participate in certain sessions to build a home-school connection.
- Organizing a 'Career Day' where parents/guardians can discuss their careers with students.
- Create feedback loops with students and families to assess the quality and impact of the programs.

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## Cultural and Community Awareness:

- Incorporating discussions on diverse careers and community roles to foster cultural understanding.
- Encouraging community service projects to understand social responsibility.





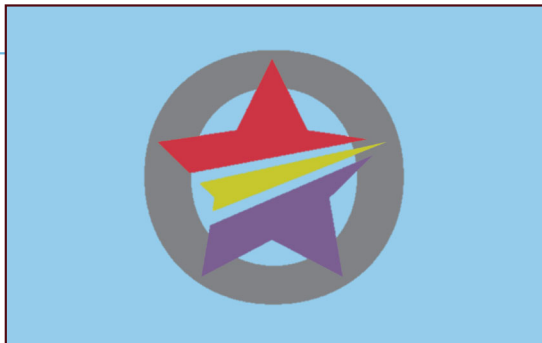
# SUPPORTING RESOURCES



Lessons and Activities



OhioMeansJobs K-12



Create, Lead, Empower (C.L.E.O.)



Ohio Family Engagement Center



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COMING SOON

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# QUESTIONS?

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Links to resources:

Career Connections Framework:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Connections/Career-Connections-Framework>

OhioMeansJobs K-12:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Connections/OhioMeansJobs-K-12>

K-12 Lessons and Activities:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Connections/Lesson-Plans>

InfOhio C.L.E.O.:

<https://www.infohio.org/resources/item/create-lead-empower-ohio>

Ohio Model Curriculum:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/OLS-Graphic-Sections/Model-Curricula>

9-12 Only:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Ohio%E2%80%99s-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Seals/OhioMeansJobs-Readiness-Seal>