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INTEGRATING 6-12 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
- Supporting Resources
- Career Connections through Partnership



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

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Self-Discovery and Interest Workshops:

- 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 interaction.

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Career Exploration and Skills Assessment Workshops:

- OhioMeansJobs K-12.
- Workshops focusing on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

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Project-Based Learning:

- Group projects that simulate real-world scenarios related to different careers.
- Opportunities for students to lead projects, fostering leadership and teamwork skills.

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Mentorship and Guest Speakers:

- Bring in professionals from various fields to share insights and answer students' questions.
- Mentorship opportunities with high school students or community mentors for guided career exploration.

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Career Planning and Goal Setting:

- Sessions on setting realistic goals and planning for high school and beyond.
- Introduction to high school graduation requirements, course selection and how it can impact future career paths.

Family and Community Engagement:

- Resources and/or guides for parents/caregivers to support their child's career exploration journey.
- Organizing visits to local businesses, colleges, or vocational schools.
- Community service projects to understand the impact of different careers on society.
- 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 participants and families to assess the quality and impact of the program.

Cultural and Community Awareness:

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

Personal Growth and Development:

- Regular feedback sessions to help students understand their progress.
- Activities focusing on soft skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. (Readiness Seal) ⁹





SUPPORTING RESOURCES

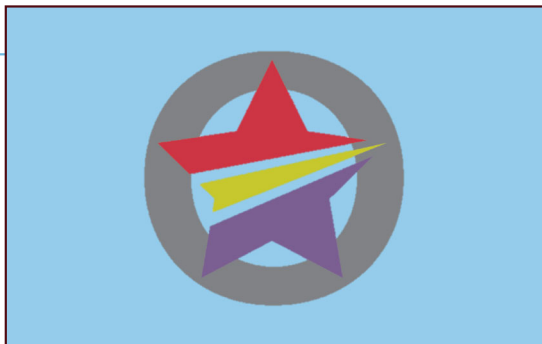
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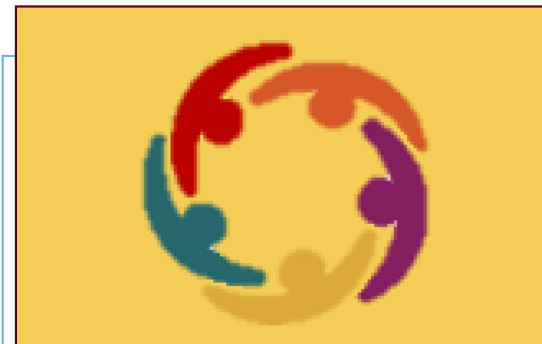
Lessons and Activities



OhioMeansJobs K-12



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CAREER CONNECTIONS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP





INTERNSHIPS/ SPECIAL PROGRAMS



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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>