


Do You Have a Clue?

**Current Planning
and Your Future**

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“We should all be concerned
about the future because
we will have to spend the
rest of our lives there.”

- Charles F. Kettering

Career Development

There are so many choices...

How do I decide!?

Fact: Exploring (much the way this class has)
is the only way to figure it out

Career Development

- Awareness
 - Do you know what careers are available?
- Exploration
 - Look up the ones that interest you!
 - You will probably change your mind more than once...
- Exploration/Decision Making
 - Narrow down your interests
- Preparation
 - Do what it takes to get there!
 - This includes HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING (yes... even as a freshman)

Roles in the process...

- Teachers - provide the best education possible to achieve these plans so you are prepared for the future
- School counselors – help you plan your high school years and get where you want to go
- YOU (possibly with the help of your parents) – exploration! Success in high school classes and activities! Ultimately your responsibility...

Main Point

What you do during your high school years and how successful you become depends on YOU
– its up to you to put in the time to *now* to get what you want later...

Bottom line... High school is different.


Your career starts now, based on the decisions you make
(grades, classes you take, career choices)

Where do I start?

- Continue doing career exploration inventories (like the one you just finished)
- Interviewing people you come into contact with....if a job looks interesting...look it up or just ask!
- Resource books/videos
- TV Shows
- Job Shadowing
- Career Fairs

Where do I start? (cont.)

- During your ELC (things you can do at school)
 - Check out the Occupational Outlook Handbook online
 - Look at books in the library (in the career section)
 - Visit the Counseling Office – computer room here that you can use to do career exploration
 - Help of Miss Pierson, Mrs. Cooper, and Mr. Vellenga
 - Ask question
 - Career inventories
 - List of career exploration websites



“Find a job you love...
and you will never work
a day in your life.”

- Confucius

Questions to ask

- Does this career actually match my interests?
- What are the working conditions for this job?
 - These might be different than you expect...
- What is the job outlook for my career?
- What education is required for this career?
 - What type of program? How many years?
- What is the average salary for this career?
- What types of classes should I be taking NOW?

Research and Statistics

Of the new U.S. jobs in this decade,

70%

will require education beyond high school.



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Know Your Options

Workforce

Apprenticeships

- A unique education opportunity where students gain specific skills and knowledge related to a specific trade or craft
- Training combines supervised daily on-the-job instruction with classroom instruction

Military

- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard
- Provide unique career training
- May offer generous financial aid programs for college

Know Your Options (cont.)

2 Year college/program

- Variety of programs
- Typically at a community college
- Successful completion commonly = Associate's Degree
- Follow - up: entrance into the workforce
- Follow – up: transition into a 4 year college

4 Year college

- Variety of programs
- Typically at a university
- Successful completion commonly = Bachelor's Degree
- Follow – up: entrance into the workforce
- Follow – up: transition into Master's or Doc program

What you choose to pursue after high school depends on what you are interested in....

So EXPLORE and check out careers NOW!

Fact: High School will fly by... You don't want to be a senior with no idea of what to do next!

