



Middle School Career Interest Development Course

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Based on research from key organizations:

- CASEL—Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning
- The Wallace Foundation
- ASCA—American School Counselors Association, Mindsets and Behaviors for Student Success
- NAPE—National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
- Advance CTE
- ACTE—Association for Career and Technical Education



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Social and emotional standards and values are a fundamental link between the adolescent and career choices, and yet these skills are not often taught in schools at this crucial stage in human development. If they are addressed, they are not often taught evenly or adequately. These are the traits that are most closely tied to identity and most useful in successfully determining a pathway to and through a career. SEL skills are always required, but learners must strengthen them throughout their lives.



INSTRUCTION

To support instruction, we offer modules through an LMS that teachers can use to deliver activities and vocabulary, linking them to informational resources, videos and games when appropriate. Activities were created with ease of use in mind. They should be infused into any middle school classroom, regardless of discipline, to thoroughly enrich a student's perspective of career exploration.

A great option for distance learning.



BENEFITS

Benefits include the promotion of career interest, especially in areas that students were not exposed to before. The middle school program also hopes to raise enrollment in secondary CTE programs and form a natural bridge between the stages of development. If middle school focuses on essential SEL standards and a macro-approach to career exploration, high school should add complexity to those SEL skills while drilling down into the technical training they need to prepare them successfully for the next step.