

A QUICK GUIDE TO **career** connections

Career Connection Learning Strategies help educators connect student learning to future work. Here are examples of how the model curriculum for Ohio's New Learning Standards incorporates strategies beginning in kindergarten through high school. To view the model curriculum in its entirety, visit:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Academic-Content-Standards>

Career Connections is a joint initiative among the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and Ohio Department of Education. In addition to the learning strategies embedded into the model curricula, Career Connections will align the many efforts around college and career readiness to support students' in becoming productive and engaged citizens.



Career Awareness

Elementary Grades (K-5)

Students become familiar with careers through learning that connects classroom instruction to future work. Career awareness strategies show students various types of careers and stimulate interest in future work.



Career Exploration

Middle Grades (6-8)

Students explore their career interests through embedded activities. Career exploration strategies are opportunities for students to discover work environments and understand the various aspects of the workplace.

Strategies include tools and instruments that help students understand and appreciate their strengths and interests. Students start plans for their future with career information and postsecondary education data. Plans include course selection and planning as well as career aspirations and goals.



Career Planning

High School (9-12)

Students continue career exploration while focusing on career planning. Activities provide advanced experiences that offer hands-on opportunities in a workplace. Career planning strategies focus on making clear links between career options and educational decisions. Students develop the skills to revisit previous exploration and planning strategies as they face career changes throughout life.