

Career Orientation Syllabus

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Career Orientation is a class designed to introduce 8th grade students to the world of work. It will help the student get oriented with their personal interests, values, personality type, aptitudes, and learning style, which will help determine their optimum field of work. Students will learn how to set goals and make plans for high school, college, career, and their desired lifestyle.

Assessments Used:

- Attitude inventory
- Left/right brain orientation
- Learning styles & study skills
- Interest inventory
- Aptitude and skills assessment
- Life values and work values alignment
- Personality traits & typing

Assessment Tools Include:

- Ark Kuder, internet based interest inventory, skills assessment program
- ACT Explore Test, standardized aptitude test
- Ed Performance testing, computer based reading and math test
- Classroom activities
- Career Cruising, internet based interest inventory, career research, portfolio, and four-year planning

Assignments Include:

- Personality & career posters
- Career Action Plan (CAP) portfolio in coordination with CAP/advisory
- Career Orientation class folder
- Daily assignments & homework projects
- Unit tests & end-of-course exam

Research Including

- Shadowing & interviewing
- Guest speakers & field trips
- Occupational research using computer internet resources
- Career magazines & career videos

Portfolio Includes:

- Career Action Plan (CAP)
 - with a four-year high school plan & post-secondary plan
- Personal, educational, and career goals
- Resume with objectives, education, experience, accomplishments, and honors
- Assessments results from benchmark exams, Iowa State Testing, learning styles, ACT Explore Test.