



LESSON 10.1

When I Grow Up, I Want to Be . . . Pt. 1

Module #10: The Future

It is important for freshmen to think about and plan for life after the ninth grade year and even life after high school. This means knowing what course and academic program options are available at the high school. It also means knowing career and college interests because it is never too early to begin planning for the day after high school graduation...

Enduring Understandings

- I. Getting the best high school experience requires careful planning and selection of courses and programs that best meet your needs and interests.
- II. **Planning for life after high school needs to begin now.**
- III. It is never too early to begin making sound financial decisions.

Essential Questions

- I. **What are my goals for the rest of high school and for life after high school? (II)**
- II. What high school courses do I need to take to help me meet my goals? (I)
- III. What can I do now to set the stage for a positive financial future? (III)

Lesson Objective(s)

Students will begin (or continue) to explore careers based on strengths and interests to plan for the rest of high school and beyond.

Lesson 9.8

Challenge 4.6

Lesson 10.1

Lesson 10.2

Challenge 5.1

Directions:

1. Prior to conducting this lesson, the school will need to identify a career exploration program for students to use. There are many great interactive web-based programs available to schools, and chances are, your school district already has a contract with one of them. If not, we recommend using www.careercruising.com.
2. Divide the freshmen evenly between the student leaders and have a brief discussion about interests and strengths. Ask students to share things, jobs, and ideas that interest them. What is it that they think they are good at?
3. After the discussion, have the freshmen complete a career interest survey (using the program of your choice) and record the results to use in the next lesson.

Materials & Supplies

- Access to a career exploration software/web platform

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POINT

If they haven't started thinking about life after high school yet, then now is the time for ninth graders to do so. It should be their goals and aspirations for life after high school that influence course and college decisions now!

- This module can be enhanced and extended with the many activities that a career interest/survey platform can provide. We suggest considering www.careercruising.com as a potential web solution. In addition to Freshman Focus Module #10 lessons and activities, students can deep dive into many career options, build a portfolio, and develop detailed plans for high school, college, and beyond!
- Blog/Journal Entry: What surprised you about your survey results today? Why?

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