

Smart, Safe Schools

Career Pathways Middle School Framework

Grade	Theme/Focus	Career Preparation	Academic Skills and Knowledge	Core Curriculum Examples
6	Future Building	Begin exploring Career Pathways System with Virginia View; developing conceptual entrepreneurship in personal goals; and developing employability skills	Investigating skills necessary to seek and obtain a job; attending career days, fairs, and other career activities; differentiating between a manager and entrepreneur; and exploring career pathways	Demonstrating functional reading skills; planning and completing a project that employs the use of words and illustrations for school and community; and negotiating for the resolution of issues
7	The World Outside My Door	Focusing on each of the career pathways; Identifying similarities/connections within pathways; understanding common behavioral skills, exploring education/training options available within Career Pathways; and exploring emerging, growing careers	Understanding the relationship between work and learning; and practicing writing a business plan	Demonstrating the ability to express ideas effectively using the mechanics of speech; demonstrating the ability to participate in a group discussion; completing a job search process
8	Career Decision Making	Completing Kuder Interest Inventory; forming an Individual Career Plan; engaging in career exploration and experiential learning; familiarizing with a career decision-making process; and continuing to gain an appreciation for learning and academics	Developing initial Individual Career Plan; and developing skills to locate, understand, and use career information and resources	Making and evaluating inference arguments based on data analysis; integrating writer's craft and technical (information) writing components when composing a written piece; completing coursework in career exploration programs; and beginning volunteer activities