



Wilkes County Schools 5-8 Career Development Continuum



Career Awareness 5th Grade through 6th Grade

Career Exploration 7th grade through 8th grade

5 th Grade-Career Awareness	6 th Grade-Career Awareness	7 th Grade-Career Exploration	8 th Grade-Career Exploration
Career Awareness and Self-Exploration	Career Awareness and Self-Exploration	Knowledge of the World of Work and Education	Decision Making and Goal Setting
Student Learning Outcome: Students will explore the basics of the world of work. Students will understand key vocabulary associated with career and career development. Students will explore goal setting, values, personality traits, career clusters, and more to allow the students to start making connections of how different factors impact the decision-making process of choosing a career path. Experiences could include: - NC Careers Reality Check - Interests Inventories - Skills Assessments - NC Careers Mini-Interest Profiler: - Holland Codes - Betabox Learning Experiences	Student Learning Outcome: Students start to build awareness of themselves and identify areas of interest. The students are matching interests to careers and aware of the role that post-secondary education has in preparing for the future. Experiences could include: - Goal Setting - Naviance Scope and Sequence Tasks - Guest Speakers - College and University Campus Visits and Tours - Industry Tours/Field Trips - CTE Student of the Month - Career Fairs - Career Development Month Activities - CTE Month Activities - STEAM Expo - Be Pro Be Proud	Student Learning Outcome: The students will start to make connections with course content learned in school and future career goals. Students are able to give examples of how his/her strengths and interests relate to career fields and occupations. Experiences could include: - Goal Setting - Naviance Scope and Sequence Task - Career Cluster Finder - Guest Speakers - Career Fairs - Career Café - Industry Tours/Field Trips - CTE Student of the Month - CTE Month Activities - Career Development Month Activities - STEAM Expo - Be Pro Be Proud	Student Learning Outcome: The students will gain a better understanding of the work that is best fit for them. Students will explore and refine areas of interest and prepare for work-based learning experiences through interactions with business partners. This will include learning the basic skills and requirements for work-based learning opportunities such as internships. Experiences could include: - Goal Setting - Naviance Scope and Sequence Tasks - Interest Inventories - Guest Speakers - Job Shadowing - College/Career Fairs - Steam Expo - Students @ Work - High School/Program Area Tours - CTE Student of the Month - CTE Month Activities - Career Development Month Activities 4 Year Plan Development