

# Education

## Chester County Workforce Investment Board

### Overview

In this segment of Career Gates, you will be introduced to careers that truly make a huge impact on the world. Join employees from various schools and intermediate units as they tell you why they love their jobs and share tips with you as to how you can get started on your way to a career in education.

### Discussion/Questions

1. More often than not, being a teacher is what comes to mind whenever a career in education is mentioned. From the segment, we learned that this is only one of the many jobs available in education. Take a look at your school and name all the different positions that people hold in order to provide you with your education. Consider the positions mentioned in the segment as well. Create a list of these jobs and then choose two or three that may be of interest to you. What attracts you to these positions? Why do you feel that you would be a good fit for these positions?
2. Why is it important to be passionate about education in order to work in the field? What types of challenges do you think a person within this industry would face on a daily basis? What benefits could they receive that are unique to the field of education?
3. Why is it important for people within the field of education to embrace the idea of lifelong learning?

### Activities

1. Research several positions within education in which you may be interested. Narrow your selection to one position and use various tools such as the Internet, library, education journals, and personal interviews to determine what is required of a person in this position on a daily basis. If possible, shadow this person for several days to see what having this job would be like. What challenges do they face? What characteristics have they demonstrated? What are the benefits and disadvantages that may occur? Keep a journal on all of your thoughts and information you have collected. At the end of your observations and research, write a paper to share with the class that depicts what you learned about this job from a first-hand experience. Allow students to ask you questions in regard to this position.
2. There are so many ways that you can start getting involved in education. Contact local youth programs such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs as well as other types of childcare providers. Learn how can get involved, and get started. Keep journals of your experiences including various ideas or techniques that other teachers or childcare providers used that you feel would be useful one day. Be sure to keep a record of the activities you participate in order to help build your resume in the future.
3. Choose an area of education that you might like to pursue in the future. Research to discover which colleges or universities in your area provide a degree in this field. Contact the admissions office to find out what types of courses must be taken in this field as well as internships or job experience/training that is required in order to graduate. Create an education plan. Are there any courses or training that you can start doing now? If so, get started on a course of action!

## Academic Standards

13.1.11.B. Analyze career options based on personal interests, abilities, aptitudes, achievements and goals.

13.1.11.F. Analyze the relationship between career choices and career preparation opportunities, such as, but not limited to: Associate degree, Baccalaureate degree, Certificate/licensure, Immediate part/full time employment, Industry training, Military training, Professional degree

13.1.11.H. Review personal high school plan against current personal career goals and select postsecondary opportunities based upon personal career interests.

13.3.11. G. Evaluate the impact of lifelong learning on career retention and advancement.

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