

increase your CAREER awareness

Please make sure you have completed the **all about YOU** and **now the RESULTS** pages (5 and 6) before you begin this activity.

Hopefully, the **all about YOU** survey that you filled out helped you decide on the Career Cluster that might be best for you to choose at the end of eighth grade. The survey serves as a reminder that your career can be based on fun things, such as your interests, your hobbies, your extracurricular activities, your family's activities, and your favorite school subjects.

Within the Career Cluster to which your survey results point, there probably are many jobs that interest you. Now it's time to consider realistically how you can prepare for these jobs. Continuing your education without a career plan may lead you to wander aimlessly through high school, technical, or college programs. These activities will help you increase your career awareness.

1. Looking at your **all about YOU** survey results, what are your two highest scoring Career Clusters?

1 _____ 2 _____

2. Using **Career Cluster Job Titles** (Appendices C-F, pages 18-21), list three jobs in each of those Career Clusters that interest you now or could interest you if you knew more about them. Next to the jobs, list the **Career Pathway: Traditional Academic or Technical Academic** (Appendix B, page 17) that you would take to get the education and training you need to do each of the jobs.

Career Cluster 1 Jobs:	Career Pathways:

Career Cluster 2 Jobs:	Career Pathways:

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3. Choose four of the six careers you listed in question number two and list them again below. Then, list the form of higher education they require (four-year college, two-year technical school, etc.), the skills they require (computer knowledge, proficiency in math, etc.), the average salary they offer and the possible advancement opportunities they offer. For help, use the resources available in your school's school counseling office and library, or talk to people associated with the careers you picked.

	HIGHER EDUCATION	SKILLS	AVERAGE SALARY	ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Career # ①				

Career # ②				

Career # ③				

Career # ④				

4. **Optional activity:** You might find that you want to know more about the four jobs that you listed in question number three. A great way to get more information about these jobs is to talk to the people who work in them! Talk to the adults in your life; maybe someone you know holds one of the jobs that interests you. Or, ask your school counselors if they know a local professional that would be willing to talk to you. A list of "Tell me about your job" questions for you to ask is provided in appendix G on page 22.