Make it real for your students

Seeing the future they want and reaching that dream is not clear for many Ohio students.

By 2018, 60 percent of all jobs will require education and training beyond high school.

You work every day to show your students what it takes to be successful. You make the link for students between what they are learning and future careers.

Career Connections is a new support for you. It provides decision-making materials, information and tools that easily fit into classroom instruction at all grades levels.

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED WITH CAREER CONNECTIONS?

First, take a look at what you are currently doing to help students discover their interests and potential jobs or careers.

Then, use Career Connections to build and expand specific ways that you can connect existing activities with what students are learning in the grade or classroom.

Examples for High School:
Students will brainstorm characteristics of effective speakers and look for them as they watch selected video clips. After viewing videos of three dynamic speakers, students will talk about how communications skills are important across all types of jobs (for example, hospitality, IT or health). Students will include communication skills in their plans for education and training through high school and beyond.

Making connections excite and motivate students to learn.

HOW IS OHIO HELPING?

An exciting, robust online tool – OhioMeansJobs K-12 – grabs and guides your students through job and career exploration based on their interests. It is a no-cost career planning resource that focuses on opportunities available in Ohio.

OhioMeansJobs K-12 allows students to fill a backpack designed for them. The “Explore It” menu includes a profile of their interests, career information, a plan and a budget for education and training, possible occupations, potential salaries, resume and job searches.

Take a tour and get your students started at:
education.ohio.gov/CareerConnections

Elementary
become aware of jobs and careers.

Middle
explore careers.

High School
make career plans.
INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Start your students thinking about their futures. Help them find careers that match their skills and interests.

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A Career Pathway is a collective look at education and training, wage and outlook information for related occupations. These pathways offer an overview of the various career options along with education and training that can begin as early as grade 7. Whether a student is interested in going to college, getting a certificate or working right after high school, career pathways can be customized for any ambition or plan. For additional career planning resources, visit OhioMeansJobs.com.

Health Science, Dental Pathway

Certificate, Dental Assisting
Start Pre-Health As early as grade 7 (based on readiness)
Dental Assistant Median Salary: $33,320 Job Growth (10 yr): 20.5% Annual Openings: 416 Average Cost: $0–4,000
Dentist Median Salary: $158,460 Job Growth (10 yr): 9.5% Annual Openings: 186 Average Cost (4 yr+): $60,300

Associate Degree, Dental Hygiene

Doctoral Degree, Dentistry

Career Connections is a joint initiative between the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, the Ohio Department of Education and the University System of Ohio.