

# INFUSING CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTO THE CURRICULUM

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Students' academic commitment, in part, hinges on relevance. *Why do I need to know this? When am I ever going to use this?* Students who explore the answers to these questions and understand the real-life applications of the material they're learning in school tend to feel more invested in the subjects they're studying and more dedicated to successful learning. In addition, when career development is infused into the curriculum, students can further their development of subject-specific competencies while exploring their options. The suggestions below provide opportunities for students to meet subject requirements while also learning about various career options. These suggestions are also a great opportunity to involve the entire staff in students' career development!

## ARTS AND MUSIC

- Explore careers related to the arts
- Design a poster related to a career of interest
- Write a song about a day in the life of a \_\_\_\_\_
- Act out a mock interview using sample questions and strategies from the Employment Guide
- Create and act out dialogues of a model workplace

## BUSINESS

- Explore careers in business
- Review the entrepreneur career profile and discuss whether or not students would be interested in starting their own business

## COMPUTERS

- Explore various computer-related careers
- Create a PowerPoint presentation or video about a career of interest and share with the class

## ENGLISH

- Explore various careers related to English
- Students can meet reading curriculum by exploring the career profiles in Career Cruising
- Write resumes, cover letters and other employment-related correspondence
- Complete a research project on a career of interest
- Orally present a career of interest to the class

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Using **The Be Real Game** students can learn about different family roles and the impact that has on a family's financial situation

## LANGUAGES

- Include Career Cruising in French class and have students learn career-specific vocabulary in the other language

## MATH

- Use the salary to complete a cost of living comparison for your state and other states
- Play **The Real Game/The Be Real Game** to learn to budget time and money effectively

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- Explore careers in physical education
- Play **The Real Game** to explore the career and life balance

## SCIENCE

- Explore careers in science
- Complete the activities in the Green Careers Activity Package

## SKILLED TRADES

- Explore careers in the skilled trades
- Investigate the apprenticeships available in their home province and consider inviting a local representative to speak with students

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- Using **The Real Game** students will learn about the financial realities of various careers and the important lifestyle choices that are connected to their career decisions.