

INFUSING CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTO THE CURRICULUM

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 data for at least two industries of interest and prepare a report describing the industry subsectors, significant careers, wages and trends and have students discuss their feelings about job opportunities in each industry
- 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
- Use **Method Test Prep** activities to help students hone language skills and build their vocabulary while preparing for the SAT/ACT tests

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 Spanish 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
- Use **Method Test Prep** activities to help students hone math skills and prepare for the SAT/ACT tests

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
- Consider inviting a local representative to speak with students about a career in the trades

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Use the salary to complete a cost of living comparison for your state and other states
- 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.