

ACP LESSON

Career Exploration

Learning Targets:

- I can identify courses I enjoy.
- I can explore careers related to the courses I enjoy in school.



Directions:

Most students have a favorite class or subject area. But do you know which careers are connected to that subject area? Which career clusters align to your favorite class? In this lesson, you will explore how your favorite courses in school can lead you to future career choices.

1. Make a copy of “My Favorite Subjects” by opening the following link: [My Favorite Subjects](#)
2. In the first column on the left of the chart on the “My Favorite Subjects” document, type your top three classes or subjects you like studying in school. Type one subject per box

Example:

My Favorite Subjects/Classes

When you begin thinking about a career you might pursue after high school, you can begin to narrow your options by exploring classes or subject areas you like learning about in school.

Use the following link to help you explore how your favorite classes/subjects can turn into potential careers choices:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/tools/subject-matcher/>



List three of your favorite classes or subjects you like learning about in school	List three reasons why you like that class and/or subject in school	List 1-3 careers that match up with my interest in that class or subject
Math		
Science		
Computers		

- In the second, middle column on the “My Favorite Subjects” table, list three reasons why you like that subject/class.

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Science	I like doing the experiments. I like hands-on learning. I like that the class is different everyday.	

- Next, we’ll see how your favorite subjects align to the 16 Career Clusters. Go to the webpage <https://www.cesa8e4ed.org/career-resources-for-students.html> and scroll to the first section:

Content/Career Connections

Most students have a favorite class or subject area. But do you know which careers are connected to that subject area? Which career clusters align to your favorite class? Click the button below to search for career connections to subject areas that interest you.

CONTENT/CAREER CONNECTIONS



- Click the “Content/Career Connections” button and select each of the three classes that you chose on your “My Favorite Subjects” table. On each page, you’ll see a chart of Career Cluster, Career Systems Pathways, and Career Connections. Read through the list of Career Clusters and Career Connections to find careers of interest to you.

Career Cluster	Career Systems Pathway	Career Connections
Architecture & Construction	Design & Pre- Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect • Drafter • Mechanical Surveyor • Architectural Designer • Interior Designer • Landscape Architect • Urban & Regional Planner • Civil Engineer
Business, Management and Administration	General Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Manager • Controller
Business, Management and Administration	Human Resources Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation & Benefits Manager
Finance	Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountant • Chief Financial Officer • Accounting Clerk • Certified Internal Auditor • Payroll Clerk

6. In the third column of your “My Favorite Subjects” table, list at least 3 careers of interest, along with their Career Cluster:

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Science	<p>I like doing the experiments.</p> <p>I like hands-on learning.</p> <p>I like that the class is different everyday.</p>	
Computers		

7. Let's do some more research into the Career Clusters. Go back to the “Student Resources” webpage <https://www.cesa8e4ed.org/career-resources-for-students.html> and scroll to the second section:

Career Clusters

Once you've explored ALL of the career clusters connected with your content area above, find additional resources and career videos on the Career Cluster pages.

CAREER CLUSTERS



Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Resources

Resources

Exploring Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections @ Security

Social Science Careers

A career in social science can be a rewarding way to put study into practice. Opportunities in this career path include positions that use research and data to understand and improve society.

Social Science and Humanities Majors

This website, with information adapted from Major Decisions: A Guide to College Majors by Terry Ward, explores social studies jobs, education, and lists of further occupations to research.

Career Opportunities in Social Sciences VIDEO

Video from UW-Stout on the opportunities connected with Social Science majors.

Virtual Career Videos

- Fire Inspector
- Fire Prevention Officer
- Firefighter
- Forensic Investigation Officer
- Police Detective

8. Click the “Career Cluster” button and select one of the three career clusters that you chose on your “My Favorite Subjects” table. On each page, you’ll see linked Resources and linked Career Videos for each cluster.

