

# Questions to Help Students Choose a Career Cluster

Have students answer the following questions to help them decide on a career cluster. If a student answers yes to five or more of the questions for a single career cluster, that cluster may be right for the student. Use the final page of this document to total the student's responses.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Architecture & Construction
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like working outdoors?</li> <li>2. Are you good with animals?</li> <li>3. Are you organized?</li> <li>4. Do you like working with your hands?</li> <li>5. Are you interested in environmental issues?</li> <li>6. Do you like working with tools and machinery?</li> <li>7. Do you enjoy gardening?</li> <li>8. Do you like hunting and fishing?</li> <li>9. Are you interested in biological sciences?</li> <li>10. Do you like camping?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to draw?</li> <li>2. Are you good at working with tools?</li> <li>3. Did you build things with Legos or blocks as a child?</li> <li>4. Do you get good grades in math and science?</li> <li>5. Do you like working on projects as part of a team?</li> <li>6. Have you ever built a treehouse or another structure?</li> <li>7. Do you enjoy decorating your bedroom or other rooms in your home?</li> <li>8. Are you good at following directions?</li> <li>9. Do you dream of constructing skyscrapers or other structures?</li> <li>10. Do you like working with your hands?</li> </ol>
Arts, A/V Technology & Communication	Business Management & Administration
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you have an active imagination?</li> <li>2. Do you like to visit art museums?</li> <li>3. Do you like to read short stories and novels more than how-to books?</li> <li>4. Is it important to you to express your feelings?</li> <li>5. Do you play a musical instrument?</li> <li>6. Do you like to draw?</li> <li>7. Have you ever acted in a school play?</li> <li>8. Are you independent and creative?</li> <li>9. Do you know how to set up sound equipment?</li> <li>10. Do you like decorating your room?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like math?</li> <li>2. Are you good at organizing clubs or parties?</li> <li>3. Can you persuade people to accept your point of view?</li> <li>4. Do you like selling things?</li> <li>5. Are you good at paying attention to details?</li> <li>6. Do you play chess, other board games, or computer games?</li> <li>7. If you play sports, are you a team leader?</li> <li>8. Do you like to be in charge of group projects?</li> <li>9. Do you like working and earning your own money?</li> <li>10. Do you read business magazines or keep track of the stock market?</li> </ol>

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Education & Training	Finance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you enjoy school?</li> <li>2. Do you have a favorite subject that you want to make your career?</li> <li>3. Are you a good public speaker?</li> <li>4. Do you like to help people with their problems?</li> <li>5. Do you enjoy playing team sports?</li> <li>6. Are you involved in school or community groups?</li> <li>7. Are you good at playing with and engaging young children?</li> <li>8. Are you optimistic, caring, and confident?</li> <li>9. Do you help friends with school work or studying?</li> <li>10. Do you consider yourself a role model for other people?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you good at math?</li> <li>2. Do you have a bank account?</li> <li>3. Do you love working with details?</li> <li>4. Are you organized?</li> <li>5. Do you enjoy working with computers?</li> <li>6. Do you like being responsible for the outcomes of your work?</li> <li>7. Do you like to follow clearly defined instructions?</li> <li>8. Do you love solving puzzles and brain teasers?</li> <li>9. Are you conscientious and reliable?</li> <li>10. Do you read financial pages of the newspaper?</li> </ol>
Government & Public Administration	Health Science
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to help people with their problems?</li> <li>2. Do you like organizing and playing team sports?</li> <li>3. Do you have a flawless police record?</li> <li>4. Do you pay attention to the news and current events?</li> <li>5. Do you believe it's important to be honest?</li> <li>6. Does the idea of public service appeal to you?</li> <li>7. Are you active in student government?</li> <li>8. Do you take part in student organizations and clubs?</li> <li>9. Is job security important to you?</li> <li>10. Have you ever done volunteer work?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like working with people?</li> <li>2. Are you interested in science?</li> <li>3. Have you ever cared for a sick pet?</li> <li>4. When you are working, do you pay close attention to details?</li> <li>5. Do you work well in a team?</li> <li>6. Have you ever done volunteer work to help others?</li> <li>7. Are you good at solving problems?</li> <li>8. Do you enjoy laboratory work in chemistry or biology?</li> <li>9. Do you enjoy games like chess that involve strategy?</li> <li>10. When you tackle a problem, do you stick with it until you find the answer?</li> </ol>

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<b>Hospitality &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>Human Services</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you enjoy working with people?</li> <li>2. Are you comfortable talking in front of groups of people?</li> <li>3. Do you work well as part of a team?</li> <li>4. Would you be interested in living in a foreign country?</li> <li>5. Can you juggle several tasks at the same time?</li> <li>6. Do you consider yourself a high-energy person?</li> <li>7. Are you able to work long hours, weekends, or evenings?</li> <li>8. Can you handle intense deadline pressure?</li> <li>9. Do you value diversity?</li> <li>10. Can you put the needs of the customer before your own needs?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you friendly?</li> <li>2. Do you like to work in groups?</li> <li>3. Have you ever volunteered for service work in your community?</li> <li>4. Do you like helping other people learn new skills?</li> <li>5. Are you good at organizing activities?</li> <li>6. Do you have good communication skills?</li> <li>7. Do you find it easy to sympathize with others?</li> <li>8. Are you able to work out disagreements among your friends?</li> <li>9. Are you reliable?</li> <li>10. Do you like doing things for others?</li> </ol>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>Law, Public Safety, Corrections &amp; Security</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to tinker with electrical equipment?</li> <li>2. Do you enjoy video games?</li> <li>3. Do you like to play chess?</li> <li>4. Are you good at math?</li> <li>5. Do you pay attention to details?</li> <li>6. Do you like following a blueprint to build things?</li> <li>7. Do you prefer to gather all the facts before making a decision?</li> <li>8. Do you like solving puzzles and brainteasers?</li> <li>9. Do you like working with computers?</li> <li>10. Do you like to keep your things in order and organized?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you do well in your English course?</li> <li>2. Do you have a clean police record?</li> <li>3. Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with strangers?</li> <li>4. Do you stay calm in stressful or dangerous situations?</li> <li>5. Do you watch TV shows such as CSI and Law and Order?</li> <li>6. Do you believe that public service is rewarding?</li> <li>7. Are you more comfortable being outdoors than being inside?</li> <li>8. Do you enjoy using high-tech tools such as computers?</li> <li>9. Are you good at taking orders, obeying rules, and following instructions?</li> <li>10. Are you interested in homeland security?</li> </ol>

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<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>Marketing, Sales &amp; Service</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like working with your hands?</li> <li>2. Do you like to take things apart and see how they work?</li> <li>3. Do you like reading computer and technical magazines?</li> <li>4. Do you get good grades in English, math, and science?</li> <li>5. Are you good at putting things together by following instructions?</li> <li>6. Do you like courses in school that involve hands-on projects?</li> <li>7. Have you held leadership positions in sports, school, or service organizations?</li> <li>8. Do you like group projects and working with others to reach a common goal?</li> <li>9. Are you interested in using scientific principles to solve problems?</li> <li>10. Do you know how to use tools?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to look at ads in magazines and on TV and the internet?</li> <li>2. Have you ever dreamed up and started a business or a band?</li> <li>3. Are you outgoing and a people person?</li> <li>4. Do you enjoy trying to persuade friends to see things your way?</li> <li>5. Do you like speaking in front of a group?</li> <li>6. Have you raised money for a club by selling cookies or candy bars?</li> <li>7. Do you get good grades in math classes?</li> <li>8. Do you enjoy doing research?</li> <li>9. Do you like organizing events such as parties?</li> <li>10. Have you worked on your high school newspaper or yearbook?</li> </ol>
<b>Science, Technology, Engineering &amp; Mathematics</b>	<b>Transportation, Distribution &amp; Logistics</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to tinker with cars or small appliances?</li> <li>2. Are you interested in insects, snakes, frogs, or other animals?</li> <li>3. Do you like team sports?</li> <li>4. Do you like working with computers?</li> <li>5. Do you like visiting museums?</li> <li>6. Do you get good grades in math?</li> <li>7. Do you read scientific or technical magazines?</li> <li>8. Do you enjoy working on crossword puzzles?</li> <li>9. Are you good at building things from scratch?</li> <li>10. Does it bother you when people are not accurate and precise?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like to travel?</li> <li>2. Do you enjoy solving work problems or brain teasers?</li> <li>3. Do you organize events at school or church?</li> <li>4. Are you good at operating tools and machinery?</li> <li>5. Do you pay attention to details?</li> <li>6. Do you think it would be cool to drive trucks or fly planes for a living?</li> <li>7. Have you ever worked part-time delivering newspapers?</li> <li>8. Do you do well in your English, math, and science classes?</li> <li>9. When on a trip, are you the one who reads the maps?</li> <li>10. Do you have a perfectly clean driving record?</li> </ol>

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## Totals

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\_\_\_ Finance

\_\_\_ Government & Public Administration

\_\_\_ Health Science

\_\_\_ Hospitality & Tourism

\_\_\_ Human Services

\_\_\_ Information Technology

\_\_\_ Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

\_\_\_ Manufacturing

\_\_\_ Marketing

\_\_\_ Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

\_\_\_ Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

## Reference

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