

**MAY FOR FAMILIES OF 7THGRADE STUDENTS**

**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

Career Bridge provides details on nearly 6,000 education and training programs at Washington's schools, colleges, and universities. For example, users can search hundreds of apprenticeships, which offer students a paycheck while they learn a high-wage skill. This free state website, [careerbridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov), is Washington's top source for career and education planning.

**What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?**

It’s never too early for your teen to start exploring his or her interests and possible career pathways. Students should ask themselves: What am I good at? What do I love to do? Whether it's playing sports or playing an instrument, children's interests today say a lot about what career they might have tomorrow.

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| **Interests or Career Pathway** | **Career Focus** | **Sample Jobs** |
| Health and Medicine | *Working to help people* | * Dental Hygienist * Physical Therapist * Surgeon |
| Environment and Nature | *Working with and managing resources in the natural world* | * Fish/Wildlife Manager * Marine Biologist * Water Quality Technician |
| Creative/Fine Arts | *Using ideas and information to express personal perspectives and communicate with people.* | * Graphic Designer * Film and Video Editor * Interior Designer |
| Engineering and Technology | *Working with objects, data, and ideas to create, move, change, operate, or build things.* | * Aircraft Mechanic * Computer Programmer * Plumber |
| Business and Management | *Working with people and information to lead and manage the delivery of products and services to the market.* | * Accountant * Lawyer * Real Estate Agent |
| Public Services | *Working to help people and solve social problems* | * Librarian * Police Officer * Social Worker |

**Did You Know?**

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

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**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Explore careers and interests.** There are many websites that try to help match personality and interests to potential careers. Try [CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov) to begin exploring different options.

**Family Checklist**

* **Identify summer opportunities** that support your teen’s interest, or encourage your child to try something new, such as community service, internships, work, or summer camp.
* **Encourage your teen to keep a journal** as a way of collecting experiences to draw from when writing essays for scholarships or college applications.

**MYTH:** **My child needs to decide on a career before going to college.**

**REALITY**: College is a time to explore. Except in a few specific cases, students can choose a major during the sophomore year and still complete the degree in four years.

A surprising number of students discover their career path while taking a course they didn't expect to like.

Well-meaning friends may try to pressure your child into deciding on a major field or career at this time. Don't let them--students can take their time.