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## Career Development Curricula and Instructional Materials

### Elementary Career Development Curricula

[Career Development Curriculum and Occupational Studies Resource Guide with Core Curriculum](#)

The Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Resource Guide with Core Curriculum is a companion document to the CDOS learning standards. It further develops the core content for each learning standard and career major. The document is also rich with teacher developed classroom activities that help students achieve the CDOS standards.

[Career Development Guidance Lessons](#)

Designed for grades K-5, these guidance lessons and units from the Missouri Center for Career Guidance address issues such as: developing awareness of work and workers, targeting careers, and understanding career paths.

[Elementary Career Development Guidance Curriculum](#)

This guidance curriculum from the North Carolina State Board of Education addresses elementary career development including developing career awareness, identifying career goals, and applying skills to achieve career goals.

[Indiana Career Guidance: Elementary School](#)

This elementary level career guidance information is provided by the Indiana Department of Education. It includes a career guidance curriculum, career guidance programs and resources, career exploration, job-shadowing, internships, and work-based learning experiences, and labor market information.

### Middle School Career Development Curricula

[Career Guidance: A Curriculum for the Middle Level](#)

This Canadian curriculum guide endeavors to help students in the middle grades acquire increased self-awareness, develop life career management skills, increase their understanding and skills in educational planning, and increase their knowledge, understanding and skills in areas of career awareness, exploration, and planning

[Middle School Career Education and Development](#)

This practice application brief from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education examines what elements of career education and development are appropriate in middle school and describes best practices for working with early adolescents.

[Washington State: Navigation 101: 2007-08 Curriculum](#)

This curriculum includes 20 lesson plans for each grade level from grades 6 through 12, along with a Resource Guide for lead advisors or building coordinators for each grade.

### High School Career Development Curricula

[USA Today Career Quest Workbook](#)

Career Quest is designed to help students in their career planning journeys. Students are guided in putting together a portfolio to help formulate career choices.

[Washington State: Navigation 101: 2007-08 Curriculum](#)

This curriculum includes 20 lesson plans for each grade level from grades 6 through 12, along with a Resource Guide for lead advisors or building coordinators for each grade.

### [Indiana Career Guidance: High School](#)

This high school level career guidance information is provided by the Indiana Department of Education. It includes a career guidance curriculum, career guidance programs and resources, career exploration, job-shadowing, internships, and work-based learning experiences, and descriptions of workforce readiness assessments and certificates.

### **Adult Career Development Resources**

#### [Adult Competencies for Lifelong Career Development](#)

These competencies for life-long career development consist of 1. Self-knowledge and Personal Development, 2. Learning and Career Exploration, and 3. Life Planning and Development.

### **K-12 Career Development Curriculum Resources**

#### [Career Plan Initiative "How-to" Guide](#)

The New York State Education Department *Career Plan How-To Guide* is intended to serve as a resource for administrators, counselors, and teachers as they begin the process of designing and implementing a comprehensive K-Adult career planning system for *all* learners.

#### [Career Guidance Exercises and Lesson Plans](#)

This site provides career guidance exercises and lesson plans for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12, as well as additional resources for educators.

#### [K-12 Career Development Curriculum Framework](#)

This guide from the New Hampshire Department of Education is designed to 1. Establish high standards for career development; and 2. Serve as a guide for making local decisions about curriculum development, delivery, and assessment in this important area.

#### [Career Preparation Curriculum](#)

The Career Preparation Curriculum Teacher's Guide presents busy educators with a quick, meaningful way to implement the Career Portfolio. The goal of the guide is to provide clear objectives, age-appropriate lesson plans, and measurable outcomes.

#### [Ohio's Career Development Program](#)

Ohio's Career Development Program provides educational services to all of Ohio's K-12 public school districts. The goal of the program is to help Ohio's students learn more about educational and career options while they develop skills in decision making and goal setting, and work habits and attitudes. These skills are developed through career exploration activities as well as classroom integration activities.

#### [Crafting Effective Career Development Learning Standards](#)

The purpose of this paper is to help career development professionals meet the challenge of developing meaningful and effective career development learning standards (CDLS). The framework outlined here is designed to assist users in integrating the structure of NCLB academic standards with the substance of career clusters, Carl D. Perkins Act core indicators, and other relevant State career development content.

#### [Career Development Guidance Lessons](#)

These lesson plans from the American Student Achievement Institute link career development lessons to Indiana guidance standards and indicators.

#### [Georgia Department of Education Career Guidance Curriculum](#)

This career guidance curriculum from the Georgia Department of Education assists counselors and educators in planning a comprehensive guidance and counseling program.

### [Idaho Division of Professional Technical Education: Career Guidance](#)

This site provides links to the Idaho Comprehensive School Counseling model, and adult competencies for lifelong career development, as well as a link to a site where users can order a free Career Guidance Blueprint CD for career lessons that meet Idaho standards.

### **Career Planning Resources for Parents**

#### [A Parent Handbook for Career Development](#)

This handbook is designed to give parents ideas and suggestions to enjoy the adventure of exploring the many career opportunities available to their children today

#### [Colorado Parents Career Network](#)

Colorado Career Parent Network is a web site designed to be a portal to career exploration for parents who want to help their children begin to explore the world of work.

#### [MyChildsFuture.org](#)

This site is designed to provide information and tools that parents can use to effectively assist their children in the career development process, from elementary school through college.

#### [Parent Primer on Career Exploration](#)

This primer is designed to assist parents in helping the teenage children to make informed, realistic, and successful career choices.

#### [Parenting and Career Development](#)

This brief from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education examines the role of parenting in their children's career development.

### **Career Development Guides**

#### [California Career Planning Guide](#)

This guide encourages students to be flexible, open-minded, and open to opportunities whether they are planned for or not.

#### [Delaware Career Compass: 2007-08](#)

This guide is intended as a resource for Delaware students and job seekers in need of critical information on planning their futures beyond high school.

#### [Virginia Career View Career Development Guides](#)

This site provides printable resources and activities for high school students and adults.

#### [Minnesota Careers](#)

*MnCareers* is Minnesota's only comprehensive printed guide for career and education exploration. The goal of this Web content and the annual publication is to provide career explorers with information needed to identify their interests and understand the opportunities and challenges they'll face in the world of higher education and work.

#### [Montana Career Guide](#)

This guide is designed to help students take the first step in setting career goals. It contains an interest assessment to help match interests to specific jobs and describes over two hundred of the top occupations in Montana.

### **Career Inventories**

#### [Indiana Pathways to College Network: Career Inventories and Related Assessments](#)

These instruments help people match their personal characteristics with occupational and educational possibilities.

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