

THE CAREER GAME FOR PARENTS

Understand that the answers and preferences your child chose to share can be early signs of career direction. Does he enjoy fixing and building things? That might suggest occupations ranging from carpenter to architect. Does she like to read and research? That can be related to teaching, travel, news or many other careers.

Encourage your child to use Internet and school resources to learn as much as possible about the jobs that match his or her personality. [The Career Game](#) sites will link each student's best job possibilities to a wealth of information about each one. They are accessible from your home 24/7 from computers, tablets and even phones.

Discuss your student's results and reports. Which matching jobs does he like best? Why? What is the path to getting that job? What are the long-term prospects for that job?

Teach about the relationship between education and opportunity. As an example: Mary's interest scores point to biological, people-involved occupations. She's deciding between college and associate's programs. With a college degree one of her job matches is Registered Nurse. With an associate's degree that occupation is unavailable to her, but she's a good match for Hospital Technician or Dental Hygienist jobs. *The Career Game* sites allow students to match their interests to jobs at four incremental educational levels. If your child has a PIN, you can do this together at home.

Involve and encourage friends, relatives and acquaintances to talk to your child about their occupations. If and when appropriate, ask them to bring your child to their workplace to learn more about a career of interest.

Suggest that your student volunteers for a charity or community organization.

Help your child find summer and seasonal employment. Nothing beats a real job.

Plan family and leisure time activities that explore your child's interests, abilities and skills.

Participate in parent involvement activities at your child's school, particularly those related to career exploration. Make presentations or speeches at your child's school during Career Day.

Recognize that your child is an individual with a set of interests, skills and priorities that may differ from yours. If you observe the reality of their personality, interests and capabilities, you can guide them to the success we know you want for them.



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