

Activity 9: Developing a Personal Vision for the Future

Objective

- Develop a personal vision for the future

Materials

- "Personal Vision" reproducible
- Pencils
- Classroom computers with internet access

1. Distribute copies of the "Personal Vision" reproducible. Ask the students each of the questions. Hold a discussion about determining a personal vision for the future.
 - What jobs or careers are you interested in?
 - Picture what you would like your job to be like. What are the most important elements about a job for you? Consider pay, benefits, schedule, and environment.
 - What plans do you have for your future?
2. Have the students pick a job that interests them. Ask the students to investigate the required training or education. Using the computer, students can research various elements about the job. Have students determine if each element is a pro or con for them. Students can take notes on the reproducible. After conducting research, students may determine that they don't want to do the job. If this happens, encourage them to conduct further research on another job until they can identify a job they want to pursue. Students may want to consider the following aspects of a job.
 - Required training or education
 - Hourly wage or salary
 - Potential job growth
 - Environment
3. Once students have chosen a job and identified the required training or education, have students begin to develop a plan on how to reach their goal of employment in their job of choice. The plan should address how they will obtain the training or education necessary and steps to follow. Discuss with the students the following options as students develop their personal goals for their future.
 - Research local training or educational programs
 - Arrange to speak to someone who is employed in the job
 - Discuss with parents or guardians their level of support
 - Identify prerequisites before enrolling in a program or job
4. Use the personal vision developed by each student as a basis for future vocational lessons and activities. Help students to monitor their progress towards achieving their personal vision for their future.

☒ Check for Understanding

- Can the student articulate a personal vision for their future that is both ambitious and realistic?
- Can the student identify jobs and careers that fit their personal vision for the future?

Educational and Career Interests

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Job	
Expected Pay	
Required Training or Education	
Reasons Why This Job Interests Me	
Other Information About the Job	

Personal Vision for the Future

List the steps to reach your goal.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____