

Middle School Career Exploration Strategic Alignment Process



In order to support students' possible futures, by the end of 8th grade, middle school students should...



Develop an "8th-grade ECAP" that includes completing a career assessment, identifying possible careers, building out a career profile, and creating a 4–6-year educational plan.



Develop awareness and interpersonal connections to the world of work through experiences with potential employers, professional role models, and mentors.



Increase self-awareness and begin to incorporate occupational interests into self-identity.



Gain exposure to and awareness of local and national career opportunities and career clusters.



Develop professional skills as outlined in the 5-8 Career Literacy Standards

