

Time Required: 30-45 minutes

**Content Standards**: Students will acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.

**Indicators (Students will...)**: Analyze the education, training, and personal characteristics needed to achieve current life career goals and compare those characteristics with their own. Analyze and evaluate school and community

contributions as they relate to life career goals.

**GOAL:** Students will understand the relationship between high school course work and career paths.

Activity Statements: Students will identify the classes that relate to their career interests.

# Materials:

- 1. Pencil/Pen
- 2. Handout 1 Relating High School Courses to Careers (Place in binder)

# **Procedures:**

- 1. Divide class into groups of three students with similar career plans.
- 2. Distribute the handout.
- 3. Have students brainstorm for answers to put on their answers on their worksheet.
- 4. Ask small groups to share their answers with large group
- 5. Lists answers on blackboard or flip chart paper.
- 6. Have individual students to identify classes that are related to some of their career interests.
- 7. Provide students or ask students to supply information on additional career choices within the core subject areas.

## **Discussion:**

- 1. What skills are you developing that will help you be successful in the future?
- 2. Which course should all high school students have to be prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce?
- 3. What are some jobs that requires mastery in:
  - a. English
  - b. Math
  - c. Science
  - d. foreign language
  - e. social studies
- 4. What courses will you take that relate to your career choice?

**Closing Statement**-Students must begin to develop an understanding about the relationship between high school classes and possible career paths. Educational achievement and demonstrated competency in specific subject areas can provide a framework for the development of future occupational skills. Students must learn to connect schoolwork with various careers. Certainly every career will require skills in reading, writing, and computation.

### Additional Resources:

Ten Ways School Prepares You for a World of Work <u>http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/majors\_careers/45548.html</u> The Best Investment <u>http://www.collegeinfo.com/the-best-investment-you-and-your-career</u>

### **Extension Activities**:

Review your senior schedule. After today's lesson, have you thought of courses you may need to add to your schedule to support your future career success?

#### Activity:

List course classes and how they relate to their college and/or career plans

Resources: