Mapping Your Future (www.mapping-your-future.org) is a premier website that is among the best the Internet offers. Students can begin career planning, assess skills and interests, explore college and career options, explore financial aid and scholarships, choose a college and much more. Free online career exploration and career planning is a feature of this website. A student can match careers to their interests, search for a particular career, review careers by cluster, and review featured careers. For each career, students will learn about wages, career outlooks, job tasks, education, skills, similar careers and more.

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Ten Steps to Planning Your Career:
Visit this website and click on any of the ten steps for links to invaluable resources.

1. Develop a career plan. Think about what you want to do and find out more about the kind of training, education, and skills you will need to achieve your career goal.

2. Assess your skills and interests. Think hard about what you enjoy, what you are good at, what kind of personality you have, and the values you hold.

3. Research occupations. Find out more about the nature of the jobs that interest you, such as educational requirements, salary, working conditions, future outlook, and anything else that can help you narrow your focus.

4. Compare your skills and interests with the occupations you have selected. The career that matches your skills, interests, and personality the closest may be the career for you.

5. Choose your career goal. Once you have decided what occupation matches up best with you, then you can begin developing a plan to reach your career goal.

6. Select a school that offers a college degree or training program that best meets your career goal and financial needs.

7. Find out about financial aid to help support you in obtaining your career goal.

8. Learn about job-hunting tips as you prepare to graduate or move into the job market.

9. Prepare your resume, and practice job interviewing techniques.

10. Go to your career guidance center (at your middle school, high school, or local library for additional information and help on career planning, or check out our Internet Resources.

LHS CAREER CENTER

The Career Center located in the LHS Library is an excellent resource for researching career fields and planning for post-secondary education. The library has COIN and Bridges.com for your use. These are career guidance programs that will help you discover your interests, and help you learn about careers, occupations, colleges, scholarships, financial aid, career planning and more. Additional resources include the Occupational Outlook Handbook, Encyclopedia of Careers, Americas Fastest Growing Jobs, and dozens of specific occupational books, guides, and magazines.