

# 8th Grade






## FUTURE EXPLORATION GUIDE

### Discover Something New



Explore the variety of career fields available, learn about job opportunities in the region, and begin to think about the future.

### Conversation Starters

-  **LISTEN:** “What is something you learned in one of your classes that interests you?”
-  **LISTEN:** “Who can you talk with about your interests and abilities?”
-  **LISTEN:** “Have you created a Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) at school? Tell me about it.”
-  **LISTEN:** “What choices do you have in school (e.g., academic subjects, sports, clubs, activities)? What are some of the choices you made, and why?”
-  **SHARE:** Tell a story about how your own interests may have changed over time as you learned and experienced more.

### Check In & Ask The Youth

#### High School Enrollment

- Which high school will you attend?
- If you have a choice in your school, how will you decide which school to select?

#### School Interests

- Which school activities do you enjoy (e.g., academic subjects, sports, clubs, etc.)?

#### Transitioning to High School



- What was your transition from elementary to middle school like?
- How might the transition to high school be similar or different?
- What support do you think you will need for this transition?

#### Decision Making

- High school students have options about the classes they take. Are you looking forward to picking classes?
- How do you decide which course to take?
- Do you know all your course options?
- Who can you talk with about course decisions if you have questions?



### Suggested Match Activities

-  **COMPLETE:** *Careers Clusters Activity & Pathways to a Promising Career;* Introduce occupation categories and learn which careers are in high demand in Vermont.
-  **EXPLORE:** *Discover Something New: A Workplace Focus Activity;* Visit a local workplace in person or virtually to learn about jobs and careers and to see a workplace behind the scenes.