8th Grade FUTURE EXPLORATION
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 How your interests have changed over time as you gained experiences.

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 Activities (Click on the activities below to view)

COMPLETE Careers Clusters & Pathways to a Promising Career: Introduce occupational categories and learn which careers are in high demand in Vermont.

EXPLORE Discover Something New: Visit a local workplace in person or virtually to learn about jobs and careers and to see a workplace behind the scenes.

Visit our Future Exploration Resources Page for additional materials!