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.

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