



Career Development Grades k-6



Make the classroom a workplace.

- Teach positive work values.
- Encourage students to want to work.
- Emphasize a “high skills” concept of productivity for the American work force.
- Emphasize work for both students and educators.



Teach & reinforce productive work habits such as:

- Coming to work and school on time
- Doing your best on school assignments
- Finishing assigned work tasks on time
- Cooperating with other students in team efforts
- Participating in problem solving and creative thinking
- Following directions given by teachers

Use community resource persons to emphasize work and occupations.

- Resource persons should emphasize the relationship between school subjects and occupations.
- Resource persons should demonstrate a commitment to work by discussing:
 - The importance of work
 - Why people need them to exist
 - How people are helped through their occupations and what they do

Emphasize career awareness instead of specific occupational choices.

- Increase students' awareness of a wide array of occupations both in and outside of their community.
- Explain the nature of the occupations and contributions of the occupations to society.

Help students understand the career application of school subjects.

- Emphasize that subject matter is valuable for success in a variety of occupational areas.
- Basic skills such as math, reading, and oral/written communication are valuable in the workplace, and applicable to many occupations.

Reduce bias and stereotyping in career awareness.

- Discuss occupational choices free of restrictions based on sex, race, ethnic heritage, age, sexual orientation, creed, or disability.
- Emphasize openness rather than bias and stereotyping.