

Imagine the Possibilities!



CAREER RESEARCH AND DECISION MAKING

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Most students don't, but they have begun to think about it. The 9th grade Career Research and Decision Making course, a graduation requirement, will encourage you to explore possible answers to that question. This course will also help you transition into high school and begin to think about life after graduation.

During this course students will focus on who they are, what they want to do, and how they can get there. Students will reflect on their learning styles, leadership styles, and interests. They will refine their skills of time management, organization, public speaking, note taking and other skills important to student success. They will investigate career fields that are matched with their interests using the **Florida CHOICES Planner**. This study will include job responsibilities, postsecondary education requirements, and job outlook. In addition, students will learn how to write a resume, search for a job, and participate in an interview. After they have identified potential career fields, students will research the postsecondary education necessary for their desired career, including the institutions offering the training/degree program, registration requirements, the application process, financial aid, and scholarships. Finally, students will develop financial literacy skills by considering the costs associated with the life they have imagined.

When students have a clearer picture of life after high school, they will be better prepared to plan their life in high school. The activities in this course will help students to develop a **personalized academic career plan** which will help organize the courses they will take while in high school. This will show students a clear connection between their high school courses and plans for adult life.

Florida CHOICES Planner

- Florida Choices is the state's career information delivery system to assist students in developing career objectives and direct students on their path to success.
- Florida Choices includes up-to-date career content and assists students as they explore occupations and assess their personal interests, skills, and experiences to find a career that's right for them.
- Comprehensive reports on programs, schools, and careers provide the latest available information.
- Secure student portfolios to store assessments results, activities, and education and career plans.