

# Activity 8: Cool Careers Start in School

**Target Audience:** Grades 9-12

**Objective:** Students will:

- Research the relationship of a subject area to an occupational choice.
- Create a presentation (posters or PowerPoint) to show how a subject area is related to occupations.

**Resources and Materials:**

- Cool Careers Start in School activity sheet
- Career Outlook Occupational Section - pages 12-51

ASCA Standard	National Career Development Goal	National Career Development Guidelines
<p><b>Career Development Standard C:</b> Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education, training and the world of work.</p>	<p><b>Educational Achievement Goal 1:</b> Attain educational achievement and performance levels needed to reach your personal and career goals.</p>	<p><b>ED1.K7:</b> Recognize that your educational achievement and performance can lead to many workplace options.  <b>ED1.A7:</b> Show how your educational achievement and performance can expand your workplace options.  <b>ED1.R7:</b> Assess how well your educational achievement and performance will transfer to the workplace.</p>

**Leading Questions and/or Comments:**

- Before the groups begin the activity, be sure to go over the criteria on how to use the Career Outlook Occupational Section on page 12 with the students.
- Direct them to the occupational descriptions to gain information about careers that may be related to your subject area.
- Direct students to the cluster sections that match most closely with the skills you teach.

**Activities:** In groups of 2, 3 or 4 (depending on the size of your class), have groups explore occupations that may use skills related to this class. Refer to pages 12-51 in the Career Outlook Occupational Section.

- Select 10 occupations related to a favorite subject (e.g., Math, Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, Information Technology). Fill in the chart with the Related Occupations, ND Earnings Outlook and, High Wage/High Skill/Bright Outlook (high demand) ratings information for each occupation.
- Explain briefly how each occupation you chose is related to this class.
- Select three occupations from your list and create a PowerPoint slide or poster for each occupation using the criteria on the activity sheet.
- Each group will contribute slides/posters to the presentation, including everyone's Cool Careers in \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Math, Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, Information Technology...).
- Watch the presentation as a class.

**Making Connections for Students:** Following the class presentation, ask students if they noticed any common trends with the information presented? For example, were a lot of the occupations high skill, high wage and/or high demand? Discuss similarities and differences of the occupations with the class.

**Optional Activities:** Present the information to other classes to promote occupations/careers in your subject matter.