

School-2-College-2-Work

Directions After High School Activity

An Introduction to Education Options for Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

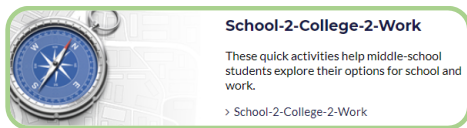
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Follow the steps in order and read directions as you go. Complete all of the activities and answer the questions.

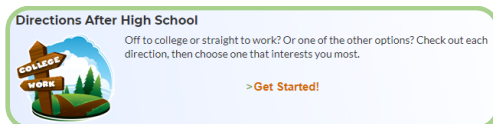
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1. Click on the **YOUR PORTFOLIO** tab at the top of the page.
2. Click on the link to **School-2-College-2-Work**.



3. Find the **Directions After High School** activity and click on **Get Started**.



4. Read the **How?** and **Why?** at the top of the **Directions After High School** page.



You are now ready to start exploring your options for after high school.

Read the following pages for directions.

Two-Year College



A **Two-year college** is sometimes called a community college. It is a school you enroll in after high school that offers two-year degrees.

Directions: Click on the **Two-Year College** box. Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear. When you are done, answer the following questions:

1. List two things you learned about **Two-Year Colleges**:

2. List two **Two-Year Colleges** in North Dakota:

3. Is it possible to transfer from a Two-Year College to a Four-Year College? **Yes or No**

4. Are you interested in attending a **Two-Year College**? _____ If not, explain why?

Never! OK Love it!



Rate this path at the bottom of the Two-Year College page and click **Continue**.

Four-Year College



Four-year colleges offer programs leading to bachelor's degrees in a specific area of study, called a "major."

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1. List two things you learned about **Four-Year Colleges**:

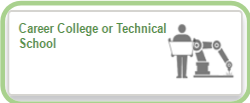
2. List two **Four-Year Colleges** in North Dakota:

3. Are you interested in attending a **Four-Year College**? _____ If not, explain why?

Never! OK Love it!



Rate this path at the bottom of the Four-Year College page and click **Continue**.



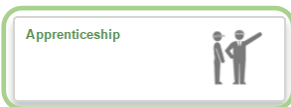
Career College or Technical Schools can also be called trade schools. They offer instruction and training in a skill or trade such as auto repair or cosmetology.

Directions: Click on the **Career College or Technical School** box. Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear. When you are done, answer the following questions:

1. What will you most-likely have when completing a program at a Career College or Technical School?
A **Degree** or a **Certificate**:
2. Almost half of the nation’s projected job openings will be in careers requiring education beyond high school, but not a four-year degree. **True** or **False**
3. How much time do most technical school programs take?
4. List one pro about career colleges or technical schools?



Rate this path at the bottom of the Career College or Technical Schools page and click **Continue**.



Apprenticeships are a way to get real-world training in a trade or profession. Apprenticeships allow you to earn money while gaining valuable knowledge and experience in a career.

Directions: Click on the **Apprenticeship** box. Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear. When you are done, answer the following questions on Apprenticeship.

1. With **Apprenticeships**, you receive class time and on-the-job training? **True** or **False**
2. List five careers with **Apprenticeships**:

3. What makes you a qualified **journeyman**?
4. Most **Apprenticeships** are between _____ years and _____ years.
5. What is the national average annual wage for a **plumber**? \$ _____



Rate this path at the bottom of the Apprenticeship page and click **Continue**.



Straight to Work: We all know someone who didn't go to college and went on to great success. It's a valid option, although it can be a risky one. You'll want to think a lot about your long-term goals for your life.

Directions: Click on the **Straight to Work** box. Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear. When you are done, answer the following questions on Straight to Work.

1. What is the difference between a **job** and a **career**?
2. On average, people with a high school diploma earn far lower wages over their lifetime. **True** or **False**
3. You can try job _____ for a career in which you are interested to observe a real workplace in action.
4. List three sample careers that don't require education after high school:

5. What is the national average annual wage for the following careers?
 - a. Carpet Installers: \$ _____
 - b. Retail Salesperson \$ _____
 - c. Messenger/Courier: \$ _____

Never! OK Love it!



Rate this path at the bottom of the Straight to Work page and click **Continue**.



The **Military** is a broad field. There are several branches of services; Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and many different positions within those branches.

Directions: Click on the **Military** box. Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear. When you are done, answer the following questions on Military.

1. List four perks to consider when choosing the Military.

2. If you have questions or want a better understanding of the physical and emotional risk of joining the military, who should you talk to?
3. Commitment - You must agree to a set number of years in the military, and it can be very difficult to get out of that commitment. **True** or **False**
4. List five sample careers in the military?



Rate this path at the bottom of the Military page and click **Continue**.

Directions: After completing the questions for all six possibilities, rate the following:

1. Make your selection for **Which one are you the most interested in so far?**
2. Make your selection for **Why did you choose this one over the others?**
3. Click **Save and Continue**



DIRECTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Off to college or straight to work? Or one of the other options? Check out each direction, then choose one that interests you most.



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Well done! You've rated all of the directions. Just one more step to finish:

Which one are you the most interested in so far?	Why did you choose this one over the others? (optional)
<input type="radio"/> Two-Year College ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> It prepares me for work I'm interested in
<input type="radio"/> Career College or Technical School ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> It takes the least time to start earning money
<input type="radio"/> Four-Year College ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> It should help me earn more money once I start my career
<input type="radio"/> Apprenticeship ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> I've heard good things about this option after high school
<input type="radio"/> Military ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
<input type="radio"/> Straight to Work ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not sure ★★★★★	<input type="text"/>

Save and Continue

Two-Year College ★★★★★	
Four-Year College ★★★★★	
Career College or Technical School ★★★★★	
Apprenticeship ★★★★★	
Straight to Work ★★★★★	
Military ★★★★★	

Want to start again from the beginning?
 > [Clear your ratings and start over](#)



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ANSWER PAGE

Two-Year College

1. List two things you learned about Two-Year Colleges: **Answers will vary**
2. List two Two-Year College in North Dakota: **Answers will vary**
3. Is it possible to transfer from a Two-Year College to a Four-Year College? **Yes**
4. Are you interested in attending a Two-Year College? If not, explain why? **Answers will vary**

Four-Year College

1. List two things you learned about Four-Year Colleges? **Answers will vary**
2. List two Four-Year Colleges in North Dakota? **Answers will vary**
3. Are you interested in attending a Four-Year College? If not, explain why? **Answers will vary**

Career College or Technical College

1. What will you most-likely have when completing a program at a Career College or Technical School? **Certificate**
2. Almost half of the nation's projected job openings will be in careers requiring education beyond high school, but not a four-year degree. True or False **TRUE**
3. How much time does most technical school programs take? **Less than two years**
4. List one pro about career colleges or technical schools? **Training is specific, which can help you find a job**

Apprenticeship

1. With apprenticeships, you receive class time and on-the-job training? True or False **TRUE**
2. List five careers with apprenticeships? **Electrician, Carpenter, Plumber, Hairdresser, or Welder (NOTE: hairdresser apprenticeship is not an option in North Dakota, but it is in some states.)**
3. What makes you a qualified journeyman? **Receiving an apprenticeship completion certification**
4. Most apprenticeships are between ___ years and ___ years. **2 years and 5 years**
5. What is the national average annual wage for a plumber? **\$54,620 (NOTE: subject to change based on the time the lesson is distributed – verify in S-2-C-2-W)**

Straight to Work

1. What is the difference between a job and a career? **Job pays the bills vs. Career has room to grow, pay is more with experience, and chances are you will be passionate about what you are doing**
2. On average, people with a high school diploma earn far lower wages over their lifetime. True or False **TRUE**
3. You can try job **shadowing** for a career in which you are interested to observe a real workplace in action.
4. List three samples of careers that don't require education after high school. **Carpet Installer, Food Counter Worker, Messenger/Courier, Parking Lot Attendant, or Retail Person**
5. What is the national average annual wage for the following careers?
 - a. Carpet Installers **\$41,660 (NOTE: subject to change based on the time the lesson is distributed – verify in S-2-C-2-W)**
 - b. Retail Salesperson **\$25,760 (NOTE: subject to change based on the time the lesson is distributed – verify in S-2-C-2-W)**
 - c. Messenger/Courier **\$28,360 (NOTE: subject to change based on the time the lesson is distributed – verify in S-2-C-2-W)**

Military

1. List four perks to consider when choosing the Military. **Paid education, some lifelong benefits, cutting-edge job, or leadership skills**
2. If you have questions or want a better understanding of the physical and emotional risk of joining the military, who should you talk to? **Recruiter or Veteran**
3. Commitment - You must agree to a set number of years in the military, and it can be very difficult to get out of that commitment. True or False **TRUE**
4. List five sample careers in the military? **Air Crew Member, Avionics Technician, Surveyor, Infantryman, and Registered Nurse**