

# Questions to Help Students Choose a Career Cluster

Have students answer the following questions to help them decide on a career cluster. If a student answers yes to five or more of the questions for a single career cluster, that cluster may be right for the student. Use the final page of this document to total the student's responses.

## Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

1. Do you like working outdoors?
2. Are you good with animals?
3. Are you organized?
4. Do you like working with your hands?
5. Are you interested in environmental issues?
6. Do you like working with tools and machinery?
7. Do you enjoy gardening?
8. Do you like hunting and fishing?
9. Are you interested in biological sciences?
10. Do you like camping?

## Architecture and Construction

1. Do you like to draw?
2. Are you good at working with tools?
3. Did you build things with Legos or blocks as a child?
4. Do you get good grades in math and science?
5. Do you like working on projects as part of a team?
6. Have you ever built a treehouse or another structure?
7. Do you enjoy decorating your bedroom or other rooms in your home?
8. Are you good at following directions?
9. Do you dream of constructing skyscrapers or other structures?
10. Do you like working with your hands?

## Arts, Audio Video Technology, and Communications

1. Do you have an active imagination?
2. Do you like to visit art museums?
3. Do you like to read short stories and novels more than how-to books?
4. Is it important to you to express your feelings?
5. Do you play a musical instrument?
6. Do you like to draw?
7. Have you ever acted in a school play?
8. Are you independent and creative?
9. Do you know how to set up sound equipment?
10. Do you like decorating your room?

## Business, Marketing, and Finance

1. Do you like math?
2. Do you like organizing events such as parties?
3. Have you raised money for a club by selling cookies or candy bars?
4. Do you like to look at ads in magazines and on TV and the internet?
5. Do you enjoy trying to persuade friends to see things your way?
6. Do you like to be in charge of group projects?
7. Are you good at paying attention to details?
8. Do you like being responsible for the outcomes of your work?
9. Do you like to follow clearly defined instructions?
10. Do you consider yourself hardworking and reliable?

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## Education and Training

1. Do you enjoy school?
2. Do you have a favorite subject that you want to make your career?
3. Are you a good public speaker?
4. Do you like to help people with their problems?
5. Do you enjoy playing team sports?
6. Are you involved in school or community groups?
7. Are you good at playing with and engaging young children?
8. Are you optimistic, caring, and confident?
9. Do you help friends with schoolwork or studying?
10. Do you consider yourself a role model for other people?

## Energy

1. Is science your favorite school subject?
2. Do you enjoy using high-tech tools such as computers?
3. Are you good at understanding physics and mechanics?
4. Are you interested in learning about natural and renewable materials that can help shape the future?
5. Are you interested in renewable energy?
6. Are you good at paying attention to details?
7. Do you enjoy collaborating with others to solve problems?
8. Do you like tinkering with machines?
9. Do you like working outside?
10. Do you often worry about the safety of others?

## Health Science

1. Do you like working with people?
2. Are you interested in science?
3. Have you ever cared for a sick pet?
4. When you are working, do you pay close attention to details?
5. Do you work well in a team?
6. Have you ever done volunteer work to help others?
7. Are you good at solving problems?
8. Do you enjoy laboratory work in chemistry or biology?
9. Do you enjoy games such as chess that involve strategy?
10. When you tackle a problem, do you stick with it until you find the answer?

## Hospitality and Tourism

1. Do you enjoy working with people?
2. Are you comfortable talking in front of groups of people?
3. Do you work well as part of a team?
4. Would you be interested in living in a foreign country?
5. Can you juggle several tasks at the same time?
6. Do you consider yourself a high-energy person?
7. Are you able to work long hours, weekends, or evenings?
8. Can you handle intense deadline pressure?
9. Do you value diversity?
10. Can you put the needs of the customer before your own needs?

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## Human Services

1. Are you friendly?
2. Do you like to work in groups?
3. Have you ever volunteered for service work in your community?
4. Do you like helping other people learn new skills?
5. Are you good at organizing activities?
6. Do you have good communication skills?
7. Do you find it easy to sympathize with others?
8. Are you able to work out disagreements among your friends?
9. Are you reliable?
10. Do you like doing things for others?

## Information Technology

1. Do you like to tinker with electrical equipment?
2. Do you enjoy video games?
3. Do you like to play chess?
4. Are you good at math?
5. Do you pay attention to details?
6. Do you like following a blueprint to build things?
7. Do you prefer to gather all the facts before making a decision?
8. Do you like solving puzzles and brainteasers?
9. Do you like working with computers?
10. Do you like to keep your things organized?

## Law and Public Service

1. Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with strangers?
2. Do you stay calm in stressful or dangerous situations?
3. Do you believe that public service is rewarding?
4. Are you good at taking orders, obeying rules, and following instructions?
5. Do you pay attention to the news and current events?
6. Do you have a flawless police record?
7. Do you take part in student organizations and clubs?
8. Is job security important to you?
9. Have you ever done volunteer work?
10. Do you believe it's important to be honest?

## Manufacturing

1. Do you like working with your hands?
2. Do you like to take things apart and see how they work?
3. Do you like reading computer and technical magazines?
4. Do you get good grades in English, math, and science?
5. Are you good at putting things together by following instructions?
6. Do you like courses in school that involve hands-on projects?
7. Have you held leadership positions in sports, school, or service organizations?
8. Do you like group projects and working with others to reach a common goal?
9. Are you interested in using scientific principles to solve problems?
10. Do you know how to use tools?

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## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

1. Do you like to tinker with cars or small appliances?
2. Are you interested in insects, snakes, frogs, or other animals?
3. Do you like team sports?
4. Do you like working with computers?
5. Do you like visiting museums?
6. Do you get good grades in math?
7. Do you read scientific or technical magazines?
8. Do you enjoy working on crossword puzzles?
9. Are you good at building things from scratch?
10. Does it bother you when people are not accurate and precise?

## Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

1. Do you like to travel?
2. Do you enjoy solving work problems or brainteasers?
3. Do you organize events at school or church?
4. Are you good at operating tools and machinery?
5. Do you pay attention to details?
6. Do you think it would be cool to drive trucks or fly planes for a living?
7. Have you ever worked part-time delivering newspapers?
8. Do you do well in your English, math, and science classes?
9. When on a trip, are you the one who reads the maps?
10. Do you have a perfectly clean driving record?

## Totals

- \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Architecture and Construction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arts, Audio Video Technology, and Communications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business, Marketing, and Finance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education and Training
- \_\_\_\_\_ Energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Science

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