

# PREPARING TO LAUNCH

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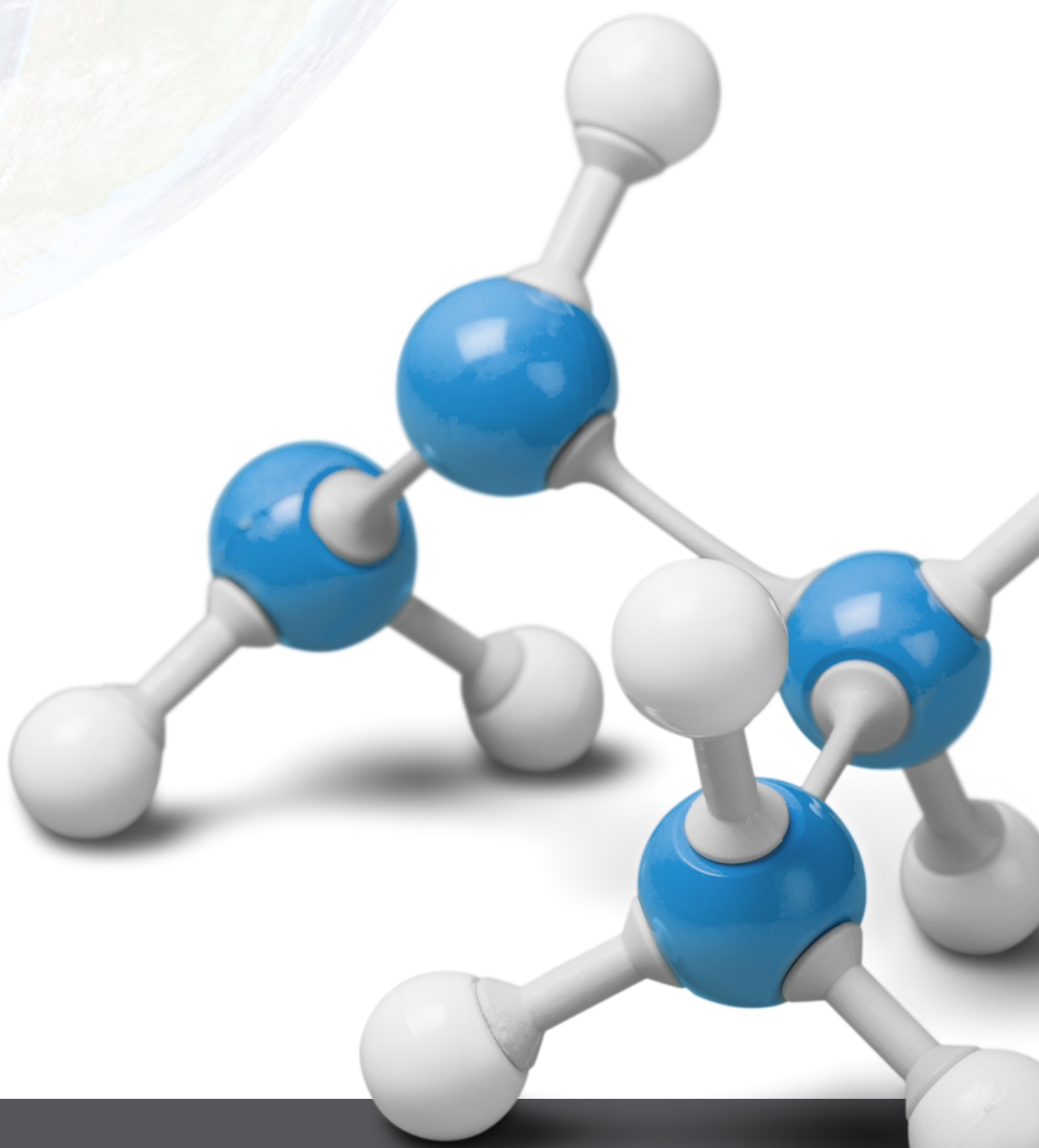
CAREER,  
COLLEGE,  
MILITARY,  
OR TRADE,  
D11 WILL  
GET YOU  
THERE!



# PRE-LAUNCH EXPLORATION

Tiah is an 8th-grade student who loves swimming, science, and organizing community service projects in her school. She really likes school and wishes all students liked their schools too. She knows she wants to help others learn. She doesn't know which high school is best to help her learn how to be a teacher.

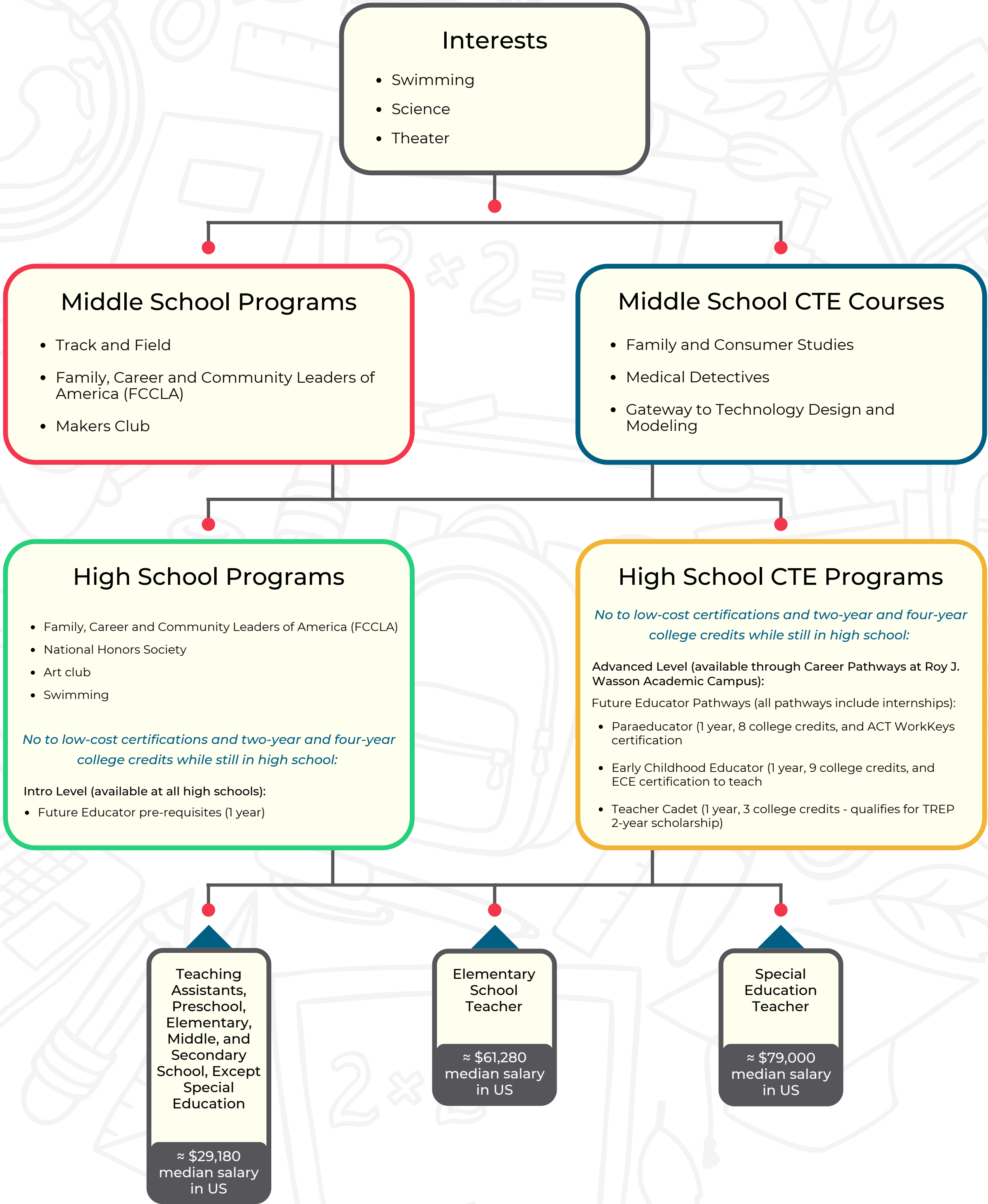
Fortunately, D11 Career and Technical Education is committed to Future Educators and offers a CTE Education Pathway at EVERY high school, with culminating college classes and internships at the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus through the Career Pathways program.





# MY CTE PATH

## OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE FOR EDUCATION (Starting in 6th Grade)





# A CTE TRUE STORY

## AVERAGE SALARY

\$50,700/YR

## JOB GROWTH

4% industry growth rate for teaching positions

14,800 total jobs openings nationwide annually

*"I started in the Para Pathway program where I was able to be an educational assistant in a special education classroom at Holmes Middle School, which sparked my interest in special education. Following the Para Pathway, I took Teacher Cadets where I got to student teach in two elementary schools in general education settings. I went to Colorado State University and got my Bachelor of Social Work with the goal to become a school social worker. I wanted some more experience before I started my masters and got a job as a paraprofessional for a district in Berthoud Colorado. I fell in love with the job and got my special education teaching certificate in Spring 2022, and I now work at the high school I graduated from, Coronado.*

*I absolutely love all of my students, my responsibilities at work feel impactful, and I have made a lot of great friends along the way. I recommend CTE Pathways to all students that are interested in this type of career, I am not sure I would be where I am without it."*



"I have always been passionate about education, and I have also always wanted to help people grow. Becoming a teacher allowed me to make my passions a career!"

## RECOMMENDED D11 CTE COURSES

- Beginner, intermediate, and advanced consumer studies
- Consumer economics
- Personal finance

## RECOMMENDED POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY

- Pikes Peak State College
- Associate of Arts transfer to UCCS or University of Colorado

## NAME

TAYLOR TOUCHARD

## CAREER

Special Education Teacher - Coronado HS

D11 graduate of Future Education Pathway





# AS EASY AS 3-2-1 LAUNCH!

Your child is unique. They have interests that may not even be known yet, and that's normal! Giving them early exposure to the careers available to them fosters their curiosity, connects them to possibilities, and ignites their passion for continued learning. Let us help guide your family along the way.

D11 will send you these monthly toolkits that will give you and your child helpful tips, guidance, and resources for exploring all things D11 Futures. If you'd like to start exploring the possibilities now, be sure to visit [this link](#), or contact (719) 328-2040.







# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Does your child know they may want to be an educator, but they're not sure how to get started? Whether in high school or middle school, it's never too late to explore the career of teaching through work-based learning.

For information on how to set up teacher job shadowing, contact the D11 CTE office and ask about work-based learning. Now, more than ever, D11 is leaning into GROWING OUR OWN. Ask how your student can take CTE and concurrent enrollment classes and have their first year or two of college paid for while being a D11 employee in education.

