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PATHWAY SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATION

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STUDENT QUESTION & ANSWERS



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Why did you pick this pathway? I picked the Intro to Education pathway because I want to go into the education field, and by joining this pathway, I would learn more in depth of what being a teacher is really about.

Favorite thing you learned in your pathway? My favorite thing I've learned in this pathway would be all the fun ways we can get kids more involved with reading and literature. We learned how to use technology, more specifically an Oculus to bring in a fun way to get students more interested in reading. We used the Oculus to bring stories to life, and when going to our career days, we were able to let some of the children experience books coming to life.

Briefly describe your participation in experiences and activities related to your pathway. this pathway, I participated in events such as our Chill and Play Challenge where families were able to get together and play games. We also had the opportunity to be a part of career days at the elementary schools where we were also able to show them fun activities. We also participated in a couple of career days at the middle school where we were able to talk to them about our program and what it's all about, along with some of the projects we were doing in class.

Favorite memory of being a part of the pathway? My favorite memory of being a part of this pathway would be the Chill and Play Challenge. We got to see a bunch of families come to our gym, put their phones down, and just have fun playing games.

Any advice to students interested in your pathway? If you are interested in the Intro to Education pathway, then I strongly suggest you join. We learn all the fundamentals about being a teacher, and we get work experience by going to our local elementary schools and being a student intern.

Do your future goals include what you learned in your pathway? My future goal is to become an elementary school teacher, and with wanting to become a teacher, I get to take what I've learned in this pathway and apply it to my goal of becoming an educator. The pathway has helped give me a jumpstart to my future and an insight into what my career will entail as an educator.

How has this pathway prepared you for the future? This pathway has prepared me for the future by giving me the opportunity to be a student intern. I get to experience how it feels to be a teacher helping students, and I get to understand more about what they go through and how they go about situations with different students.

What are your plans after high school? My plan after high school is to attend Reedley College first. After completing my program/degree there, I plan to apply for transfer to a university to continue my education.

PATHWAY AT A GLANCE

The Education Pathway at Dinuba High School provides students with the foundational skills and knowledge to pursue careers in education. Through courses such as Life Management and Introduction to Teaching, students can earn up to 6 college credits while exploring key topics like classroom organization, curriculum planning, and teaching standards. This pathway emphasizes the historical and cultural aspects of education, focusing on educational reform, diversity in teaching, and the impact of societal issues on learning. Students participate in work-based learning experiences including guest speakers, industry tours, and internships, gaining over 75 hours of hands-on community classroom training. Graduates are well-prepared for careers as substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, school counselors, and even college professors. Students also have the opportunity to complete the CBEST, earn CPR and First Aid certification, and compete in education-related events—ensuring they are ready for both college and career success.

PATHWAY AT DHS-EDUCATION

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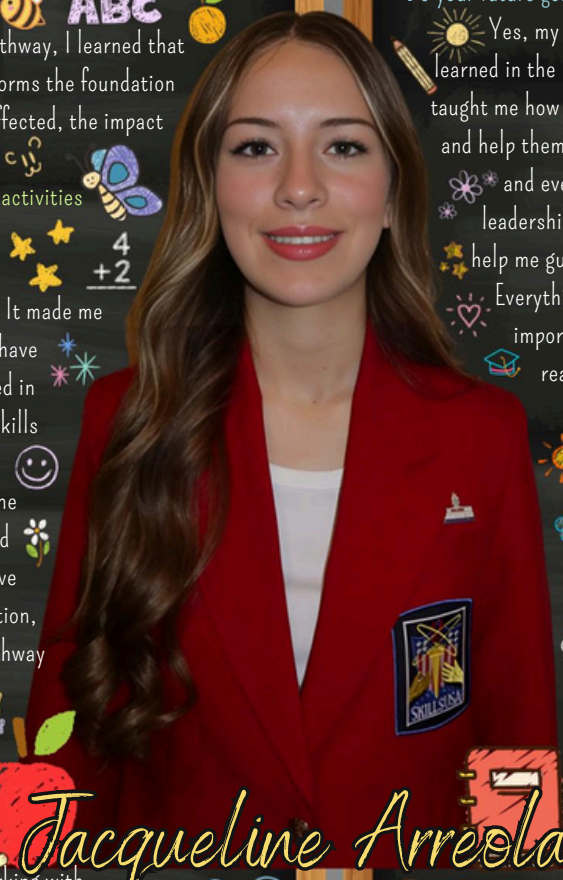
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Pathway Spotlight: Education

Student Question & Answers



Why did you pick this pathway?
I want to change students' lives and help those who struggle to feel seen, heard and valued. Education is the path I have chosen to pursue this goal. I want to support these students, and there is no better way to do it than to start now, early enough to make a lasting impact on their lives.

Favorite thing you learned in your pathway? In this pathway, I learned that everything in a young person's life truly matters and forms the foundation for the rest of their life. If one student is positively affected, the impact that student can have may extend to the entire world.

Briefly describe your participation in experiences and activities related to your pathway.
In the Education Pathway, I was introduced to SkillsUSA, which truly changed my life. It made me strongly believe in the impact the education field can have on students of all ages. Through SkillsUSA, I competed in events, gained leadership experience, and developed skills that directly relate to education. Today, I serve as a National Officer, representing students from across the country, advocating for educational opportunities, and helping others grow as leaders. These experiences have given me hands-on practice in leadership, communication, and mentoring, all of which connect directly to my pathway and my future goals in education.

Favorite memory of being a part of the pathway?
My favorite memory of being part of the Education Pathway was helping younger students learn and succeed. Whether it was assisting them with reading, helping them take AR tests, or working with them on math problems, seeing their faces light up when they understood something I taught was unforgettable. It made me feel like I was really making a difference, and it reminded me why I want to go into school counseling and eventually become a principal. Those small moments of connection, when a student finally grasps a concept or gains confidence, are what I will always remember and cherish about being in this pathway.

Any advice to students interested in your pathway?
My advice to students interested in the Education Pathway is to be patient and take every opportunity to learn from the students you work with. Don't be afraid to ask questions, try new things, or step out of your comfort zone. The more you get involved, the more you'll understand what it really means to help others learn and grow. Also, remember that teaching isn't just about academics, it's about connecting with students, understanding their needs, and making them feel supported. The experiences you gain in this pathway will teach your leadership, communication, and empathy, which are skills you'll use for the rest of your life.

Do your future goals include what you learned in your pathway?
Yes, my future goals are definitely connected to what I learned in the Education Pathway. Being part of this pathway taught me how to work with students, understand their needs and help them succeed. I want to become a school counselor and eventually a principal, and the skills I gained like leadership, communication, patience, and empathy, will help me guide students the way I wish I had been guided. Everything I learned in this pathway has shown me the importance of supporting students and helping them reach their full potential, and I plan to carry that with me into my future career.

What are your plans after high school?
After high school, I plan to attend college to study school counseling, with the goal of becoming a school counselor and eventually a principal. I want to use the skills I've learned in the Education Pathway to help students succeed and feel supported, just like I wish I had when I was in school. I also hope to continue being involved in leadership opportunities and community service, because those experiences have helped me grow and will help me make a positive impact in schools and in my community.

How has this pathway prepared you for the future?
The Education Pathway has prepared me for the future by giving me hands-on experience working with students and helping them learn. It has taught me important skills like leadership, communication, patience, and empathy, which I will use in my future career as a school counselor and principal. Being part of this pathway also showed me how to connect with students, understand their needs, and support them in reaching their full potential. All of these experiences have given me the confidence and knowledge to succeed in college and in my career, and they have reinforced my passion for helping others.

Jacqueline Arreola

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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SERVICES

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

At Dinuba High School, students can study and take entry level courses designed to prepare them to become a future educator. Students will earn college credits, gain skills in class organization, class management, curriculum, and lesson plans. Those who choose careers in education are motivated to do so by their desire and passion to teach and help others. The Education sector covers a wide range of occupations from entry level careers such as an instructional aide to professional teaching and administration careers. Students can earn the required certificates, degrees, and advanced credentials at accredited colleges and universities located in the San Joaquin Valley.

Reedley College offers students many guided pathways to attaining an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Teacher Education, and Education & Liberal Studies. Students can transfer to a four-year university such as Fresno State or Fresno Pacific to pursue a Bachelors' degree and advanced school credential.

Click on the links above or scan the QR codes below to explore Education programs at each college and university.

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FRESNO STATE Bulldogs

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SUNBIRDS

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first U.S. public school opened in 1635(Boston).
- One teacher can impact 3,000+ students in a career.
- California has 300,000+ teachers statewide.
- Tulare County employs 4,000+ educators.
- Students are 20% more likely to graduate with strong teacher connections.
- Preschool & elementary jobs will grow 15% by 2030.
- The average class size in California high schools is about 29 students.
- Education is one of the largest job sectors worldwide.

EDUCATION LEVEL & RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Entry Level Careers (High School Diploma)

- Child Care Provider
- Child Care Worker
- Preschool Aide
- After School Program Aide

Technical Level Careers (Certificate and/ or Associate Degree)

- Parent Educator
- Teacher Assistant
- Preschool Teacher
- Special Education Aide

Professional Level Careers (Bachelor's Degree/ Credential)

- K-12 School Teacher
- Child Protection Social Worker
- Preschool Director

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Featured Industry:

EDUCATION

Career Cluster:
Education & Training

Careers in this cluster help people learn and grow. It's like a big family of jobs where some people become teachers, some help in schools, and others make sure students have a great learning experience.

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College Majors:

- Child Development
- Liberal Studies
- Counseling
- Social Work

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College & Universities:

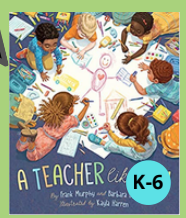
- Fresno Pacific University
- Fresno State University
- Fresno City College

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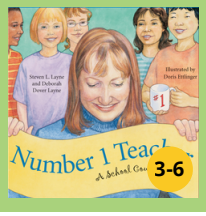
Every Kid Needs a Champion - Rita Pierson
The Power of Empathy - Brené Brown
How Do Teachers Change Lives?- Edutopia

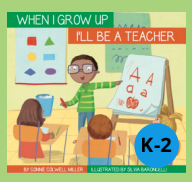
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EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SERVICES MONTH

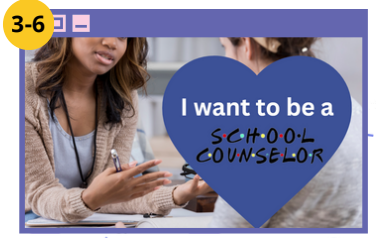
This industry prepares students for careers in education from preschool to high school, and even at a college! For those who enjoy working with children from birth to high school, or you want to be a college professor, this sector may hold a great career for you.

At Dinuba High School you can study and take classes in: Education and Child Development. Students in these pathways learn about nutrition and health, human development, and how to create lesson plans.



ZOOM INTO CAREERS

Click on the videos to explore careers!













The mission of the College & Career Department is to empower all students with educational and work-based experiences to ensure that they are college, career, & life ready.

For more information visit: https://sites.google.com/dinuba.k12.ca.us/collegecareer/home