

A FUN AT-HOME ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES

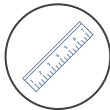
BE A NEW SCHOOL PLANNER

Help your child think like a construction planner! Together, you'll explore how schools are built and the teamwork it takes to make it happen.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:



Paper



Ruler or measuring tape

Optional Supplies:



Tape or glue



Recycled materials



Tablet for digital drawings



Camera

Want to see real school designs in action? To learn more about school planning, construction, and projects happening at your child's school, visit www.puyallupsd.org/capitalprojects. Explore how schools are built and improved to support student learning!

STEP 1: IMAGINE THE PROCESS (10 MINUTES)

Start with a fun conversation:

- "How do you think schools get built?"
- "Who helps design and construct them?"

Talk about the people involved:

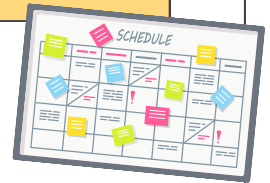
- **Design Advisory Committee** (Parents & Students) – Shares ideas about what the school needs.
- **Project Managers** – Hires Architects, Engineers, and Construction Workers; Monitors timeline
- **Architects** – Design the building.
- **Engineers** – Ensure safety, plumbing, electricity, and structure.
- **Construction & Trade Workers** – Build the school.
- **Bond Oversight Committee** – Helps monitor spending and project oversight.
- **School Board** – Make final decisions.

STEP 2: CREATE A SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE (10-15 MINUTES)

Work together to arrange the steps of building a school!

Cut out the steps (or write them down) and arrange them in order.

- Don't forget to add dates!



STEP 3: DESIGN YOUR OWN MINI CONSTRUCTION PROJECT! (15-20 MINUTES)

- **Option 1: Draw it** – Sketch a construction site for a new school.
- **Option 2: Build it** – Use blocks, Legos, or recycled materials to create a mini school.
- **Option 3: Go digital** – Try an app like SketchUp or Canva Whiteboard to design a school layout.

STEP 4: SHARE & DISCUSS (10 MINUTES)

Have your child explain their project:

- "Which step do you think is the most important?"
- "What would you do if you were part of the Design Advisory Committee?"

Bonus: Take a picture of their project and share it with the Foundations for Our Future (FFOF) crew at capitalproject@puyallupsd.org a few lucky designs will be shared on our FFOF Facebook and Instagram pages.