

# Elementary School Career Resources

Elementary career studies require a cross-curricular, interdisciplinary approach to help students to cultivate a sense of self, identify areas of interest, gain a sense of career awareness and understand the relationship between academics and future careers. The focus in the early grades is on career awareness and exploration – not career choice.

## [Kentucky Academic Standards for Career Studies](#)

The Kentucky Academic Standards for Career Studies outline the minimum content standards Kentucky students should learn within each grade-band.

## [Career Cluster Resources](#)

Organized by career clusters, the Delaware Career Resource Network offers lesson plans, activities and other resources for integrating career studies in grades K-5.

## [Career Cluster Activities](#)

The Virginia Career View provides interactive games, activities and other resources for integrating career studies in grades K-5.

## [Career Exploration e-Coloring Book](#)

Children become aware of the world of careers as early as preschool. Even through simple life experiences, the world of work is all around us. We encourage teachers, advisers, counselors, and parents to use this resource as a fun way to introduce career choices. The coloring pages in this e-book are intended to be fun for children Pre-K to 3rd grade.

## Career Exploration Book List

Open the world of possibilities with these career-related texts. Provide opportunities for students to explore careers through read alouds, classroom libraries and independent reading. Combine these texts with activities related to each career cluster to begin to develop career awareness and connect academics to the real-world.

<a href="#">K-5 Discover Occupations</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Hospitality Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Agriculture Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Human Services Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Architecture and Construction Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Information Technology Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Arts, AV and Communications Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Business Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Manufacturing Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Education Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Marketing Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Finance Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 STEM Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Government and Public Administration Books</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Transportation Books</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Health Science Books</a>	

## Career Exploration Activities

Exploratory Activities introduce students to the skills, topics and vocabulary related to careers within each of the 16 career clusters. These optional activities do not constitute a curriculum, but they support career exploration within the context of a career studies program that spans K-5. Resources progress by grade level from kindergarten to 5th grade and may be modified to meet student needs.

<a href="#">K-5 Agriculture Activities</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Hospitality Activities</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Architecture and Construction Activities</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Human Services Activities</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Arts, AV and Communications Activities</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Information Activities</a>
<a href="#">K-5 Business Activities</a>	<a href="#">K-5 Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Activities</a>
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## [The Importance of Engaging Kids in CTE from Kindergarten through 12th Grade - Skill Struck - Blog](#)

<https://everfi.com/k-12/> - Digital Lessons for K-12

Want to prepare your students for career and life success, but short on time? Busy teachers use EVERFI's standards-aligned, ready-made digital lessons to teach students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Watch a variety of videos on different occupations in 16 career clusters.

[Career Videos](#)

or

[Workforce Solutions YouTube Account](#)

<https://texasrealitycheck.com/>

## [Career Development & Planning Resources - LiveBinders](#)

- Ability
  - What one can do, the power to perform a specific task.
- Apprenticeship
  - A combination of on-the-job training with classroom training.
- Aptitude
  - Ability that is innate or acquired; talent; intelligence.
- Associate Degree
  - A two-year degree that prepares students for a specific career or further education.
- Bachelor's Degree
  - Degree awarded to students who complete a 4-year college program.
- Career
  - A course of events including all work, paid and unpaid, which are completed during a lifetime.
- Career Clusters
  - Career Clusters are broad groups of occupations and industries with common features. Career clusters are subdivided into "career pathways". Each career cluster has hundreds of careers that will help you view your career options broadly through various career fields and the options in each field. Occupations within one career cluster organized into pathways that are a series of courses that prepare you for an occupational field. For example, courses in the "Therapeutic Services" Pathway lead to jobslike radiologist, physician, or physical therapist.
- Classes that specialize in skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation.
- Career & Technical Student Organization
  - An extracurricular group for students in Career and Technical Education pathways to further their knowledge and skills by participating in activities, events, and state and national competitions.
- Certificate
  - Awarded to students who complete short-term educational programs that are designed to lead directly to entry-level employment.
- Dual Credit
  - College level courses for students while in high school for which both high school and college credit can be earned.
- Entrepreneur
  - One who organizes and manages a business or enterprise.
- Entry-Level Job
  - A job requiring little skill or knowledge, sometimes with the potential for advancement as more skills and knowledge are acquired.
- FAFSA
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Financial Aid
  - Grants, scholarships, work study, and loans that help pay for college.
- GED
  - General Education Diploma. The GED Tests measure the outcomes and concepts associated with a traditional four-year high school education.

- Grant
  - Money to attend college that the student does NOT have to pay back.
- Gross Monthly Income
  - The total income or earnings before deductions for taxes, insurance, or other expenses
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- Income
  - The amount of money or its equivalent received during a period of time in
- exchange for labor or services.
- Interests
  - Something that concerns, involves, or draws the attention of a person.
- Knowledge
  - Familiarity with a particular subject.
- Master's, Doctorate or Professional Degree
  - Educational awards typically requiring more than 4 years of study.
- Net Monthly Income
  - Earnings after deductions or take-home pay.
- Nontraditional Careers
  - An occupation in which women or men comprise 25 percent or less of its total employment.
- Occupation
  - A group of jobs with common characteristics that require similar skills found in a variety of industries and organizations.
- Payroll Deductions
  - Money subtracted from gross monthly income by an employer. These include things such as taxes and insurance.
- Personality
  - The combination of a person's characteristics and traits that make him or her a unique human being.
- Reliability
  - The ability to be dependable.
- Responsibility
  - A duty or obligation.
- Skill
  - A developed talent or ability through training and practice.
- Standard of Living
  - The level of comfort in everyday life that is enjoyed by a community, class or individual.
- Student Loan
  - Money that is borrowed and used to attend college that the student must pay back to the lender.
- Transferable Skill
  - Mastery of a skill that can be used in a variety of occupations.
- Tuition
  - The cost to attend college for an established period of time.
- Wage
  - A payment to a worker for labor or services.
- Work-based Learning
  - Provides students with real-life work experiences where they can apply academic and technical skills and develop their employability.