

K20 CAREER CLUSTER SURVEY

The K20 Center's GEAR UP program wants to help you explore career options! This Career Cluster activity will help you think about your skills, personality, and interests to identify which clusters might be a good fit for you. While your interests will likely change over the years, the Career Cluster Survey is a great place to begin your exploration—but the journey won't end there. You can use what you learn in this survey and apply it to other career activities and exploration.

What is a career cluster? A career cluster is a group of jobs that are similar. If you like one job in a cluster, you will probably find other jobs in that cluster that you will like as well.

Materials

- Something to write with
- Paper copies of each Survey Card, or a blank sheet of paper for keeping score

Instructions

1. Print out the following Survey Cards. If you are unable to print, you can use blank paper to keep track of your score.
2. To start the Career Cluster Survey, begin with Survey Card 1. Read each of the statements on Survey Card 1.
3. On the Survey Card, mark each statement you agree with. For every statement you agree with, give yourself one point.
 - If you did not print the Survey Cards, use a blank sheet of paper to tally up the number of statements you agree with. Label this tally "Survey Card 1."
4. Count up your total points for Survey Card 1. You may total your points in the bottom right corner next to "Survey Card Total" or on your blank sheet of paper.
5. Repeat this process with the remaining 15 survey cards.
6. Determine your top three Career Clusters based on which three survey cards have the highest number of points.
7. Once you have your top three Career Clusters, move on to the next step in this activity.

Note: This may make a couple of days to complete. Also, your interests may change over time and this survey and these options can be revisited throughout your educational career.

Survey Card 1		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like to learn how things grow and stay alive.	I can rely on myself to get things done.	Math
I make the best use of the natural resources around me.	I love being in nature.	Life Sciences
Hunting and fishing are activities I enjoy most.	I am physically active.	Earth Sciences
I want to protect the environment.	I like to plan ahead.	Chemistry
I like to be outdoors, no matter what the weather is like.	I am a creative problem solver.	Agriculture
I enjoy operating machines and keeping them in good repair.		
I like to plan ahead, keep a budget, and maintain records.		Survey Card 1 Total:

Survey Card 2		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I enjoy reading and following blueprints or instructions.	I am curious.	Math
I create pictures in my mind of what a finished product may look like.	I follow directions well.	Drafting
I want to work with my hands.	I can pay attention to details.	Physical Sciences
I most enjoy work that requires precise results.	I am good at visualizing possibilities.	Construction Trades
I like to solve technical problems.	I am patient but persistent.	Electrical Trades/Heat, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration/Technology Education
Learning and visiting beautiful, historic, or interesting buildings makes me happy.		
Following logical, step-by-step procedures is enjoyable.		Survey Card 2 Total:

Survey Card 3		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I use my imagination to communicate new information to others.	I am creative and imaginative.	Art/Graphic design
I enjoy performing in front of others.	I have a good vocabulary and can communicate clearly.	Music
I like to read and write in my free time.	I am curious about new technology.	Speech & Drama
I play a musical instrument.	I relate well to the feelings and thoughts of others.	Journalism/Literature
I like to perform creative, artistic activities.	I am determined and tenacious.	Audiovisual Technologies
I often use video and recording technology.		
I enjoy designing brochures and posters for projects.		Survey Card 3 Total:

Survey Card 4		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like to perform routine, organized activities, but I can be flexible.	I am organized.	Computer Applications/Business and Information Technology
I work best with numbers and detailed information.	I am practical and logical.	Accounting
I enjoy being the leader in a group.	I am patient.	Math
I like to make business contact with people.	I am tactful.	English
Working with computer programs is something I enjoy doing.	I am responsible.	Economics
I like to create reports and communicate ideas.		
I like to plan my work and follow instructions without close supervision.		Survey Card 4 Total:

Survey Card 5		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I enjoy communicating with different types of people.	I am friendly.	Language Arts
I want to help others with their homework and to learn new things.	I make decisions.	Social Studies
I like to go to school.	I am helpful.	Math
I can handle several responsibilities at once.	I am innovative and inquisitive.	Science
I direct and plan activities for others.	I am a good listener.	Psychology
I enjoy acquiring new information.		
I like helping people overcome their challenges.		Survey Card 5 Total:

Survey Card 6		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I enjoy working with numbers.	I am trustworthy.	Accounting
I like to work to meet a deadline.	I am orderly.	Math
I often make predictions based on existing facts.	I am self-confident.	Economics
I have a framework of rules by which I operate.	I think logically.	Banking/Financial Services
I like to analyze financial information and interpret it to others.	I am often methodical or efficient.	Business Law
I enjoy handling money with accuracy and reliability.		
I take pride in the way I dress and look.		Survey Card 6 Total:

Survey Card 7		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I am involved in politics.	I am a good communicator.	Government
I can negotiate, defend, and debate ideas and topics.	I am competitive.	Language Arts
I enjoy planning activities and working cooperatively with others.	I am service minded.	History
I work with details.	I am well organized.	Math
I am able to perform a variety of duties that may change often.	I am a problem solver.	Foreign Language
I can analyze information and interpret it to others.		
I enjoy traveling and seeing things that are new to me.		Survey Card 7 Total:

Survey Card 8		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I handle working under pressure well.	I am compassionate and caring.	Biological Sciences
I enjoy helping sick people and animals.	I am good at following directions.	Chemistry
I can make decisions based on logic and information.	I am attentive and careful.	Math
I participate in health and science classes.	I am patient.	Occupational Health Classes
I work well as a member of a team.	I am a good listener.	Language Arts
I respond quickly and calmly in emergencies.		
I follow guidelines precisely and meet strict standards of accuracy.		Survey Card 8 Total:

Survey Card 9		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like to investigate new places and activities.	I am tactful.	Language Arts/Speech
I work well with all ages and types of people.	I am self-motivated.	Foreign Language
I enjoy organizing activities in which other people enjoy themselves.	I work well with others.	Social Sciences
I have a flexible schedule.	I am outgoing.	Marketing
I can help people make up their minds.	I am slow to anger.	Food Services
I communicate easily, tactfully, and courteously.		
I enjoy learning about other cultures.		Survey Card 9 Total:

Career Cluster 10		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I care about people, their needs, and their problems.	I am a good communicator/good listener.	Language Arts
I enjoy participating in community services and/or volunteering.	I am caring.	Psychology/Sociology
I am able to listen to others' viewpoints.	I am not materialistic.	Family & Consumer Sciences
I like to help people be at their best.	I use intuition and logic.	Finance
I enjoy working with people from preschool age to old age.	I am non-judgemental.	Foreign Language
I often think of new ways to do things.		
I make friends with different kinds of people.		Survey Card 10 Total:

Survey Card 11		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like working with computers.	I am a logical thinker.	Math
I enjoy solving difficult problems.	I am good with small details.	Science
I like figuring out how processes for machines work.	I don't give up easily.	Computer Tech/Applications
Reading technical manuals is fun for me.	I have good concentration skills.	Communications
Change doesn't bother me.	I am careful and particular.	Graphic Design
I like to play video games and figure out how they work.		
I can concentrate for a long time.		Survey Card 11 Total:

Survey Card 12		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I make decisions based on what I notice.	I am adventurous.	Language Arts
I enjoy being a leader.	I am dependable.	Psychology/Sociology
I respect rules and regulations.	I am community-minded.	Government/History
Debating and winning arguments is fun.	I am determined.	Law Enforcement
I like observing and analyzing others' behavior.	I am a positive person.	First Aid
I like interacting with other people.		
I'm good at working under pressure.		Survey Card 12 Total:

Survey Card 13		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I learn best when working with my hands.	I am practical.	Math/Geometry
I like putting things together.	I am observant.	Chemistry
Seeing the results of an activity is fun.	I am physically active.	Trade and Industry
I like using math to figure out solutions to a problem.	I am a step-by-step thinker.	Physics
Operating equipment and machinery is fun.	I am coordinated.	Language Arts
I like visualizing three-dimensional objects from drawings.		Survey Card 13 Total:

Survey Card 14		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like to shop.	I am energetic.	Language Arts
I enjoy being in charge.	I am competitive.	Math
Making displays and promoting ideas sounds fun.	I am creative.	Business/Marketing
I like to give presentations and enjoy public speaking.	I am motivated.	Economics
I like persuading people to buy or do things.	I am persuasive.	Computer Applications
I like talking with people.		
I like getting opportunities to make extra money.		Survey Card 14 Total:

Survey Card 15		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like working with formulas.	I am detail oriented.	Math
I like finding answers to questions.	I am inquisitive.	Science
Working in a laboratory is fun.	I am fair minded.	Drafting/Computer Aided Drafting
I like figuring out how things work.	I am well organized.	Electronics/Computer Networking
I like to explore new technology.	I am mechanically minded.	Technology/Technical classes
Experimenting to find the best way to do something is fun.		
I like paying attention to details.		Survey Card 15 Total:

Survey Card 16		
Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects I like:
I like to travel.	I am realistic.	Math
I can see well and have quick reflexes.	I am coordinated.	Trade and Industry
I like solving mechanical problems.	I am mechanical.	Physical Science
I like designing processes that work well.	I am observant.	Economics
I can anticipate needs and prepare to meet them.	I am a planner.	Foreign Language
I like driving or riding in different vehicles.		
I like to move things from place to place.		Survey Card 16 Total:

Career Clusters	
Survey Card 1	Agricultural Food and Natural Resources
Survey Card 2	Architecture and Construction
Survey Card 3	Arts, AV Technology, and Communications
Survey Card 4	Business, Management, and Administration
Survey Card 5	Education and Training
Survey Card 6	Finance
Survey Card 7	Government and Public Administration
Survey Card 8	Health Science
Survey Card 9	Hospitality and Tourism
Survey Card 10	Human Services
Survey Card 11	Information Technology
Survey Card 12	Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
Survey Card 13	Manufacturing
Survey Card 14	Marketing, Sales, and Services
Survey Card 15	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Survey Card 16	Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics