Careers and Skills

Question?

Learning about yourself?

The CareerWiki



careerwiki.weebly.com

Is a site created by Horizon School Division for students and parents.

It includes resources and links to resources for many career and transition related questions.

Next year you will receive emails with links to this site when something new, like a college open house, is scheduled.

About the Transition from High School

It can be confusing or
It can be straight forward

Some Choices are complex,

Some choices are simple

Some Preferences are complex,

Some are straight forward

Some Goals are complex while

others are clear and simple

Since we will all be going different places

And we have different goals

It is safe to assume that planning your transition from high school will be *All About You* - which is the first part of Career Planning

Assess your plans from a Career Planning perspective

Career Planning

- 1. **Reflect** on YOUR Strengths and Preferences
 - a. Think about your Values, Skills, Interests and Traits don't worry about other people's use these to make your goals
- 2. Research Occupations, Opportunities and Education
- 3. Plan How to get where you want to go
- 4. <u>Take Action</u> There is never a perfect plan or a perfect time, so constantly act on your plans

Skills

What is a skill?

The ability to do something

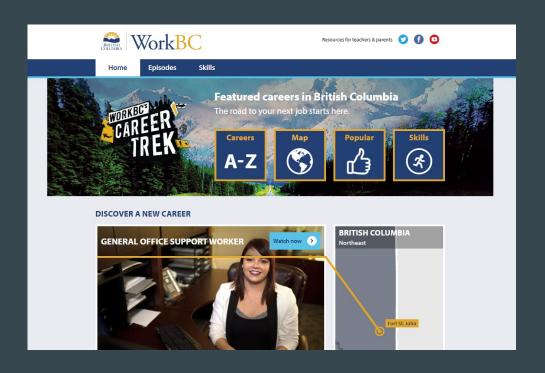
The Trouble with Skills?

There are so many and they are so different.

For example a therapist may find Listening to be key while a welder may find Troubleshooting is a heavily relied on skill.



A neat and NEW idea from BC www.careertrekbc.ca



They have grouped Occupations by the skills used but...

What does the word Occupation Mean? What about Career or Job?



Definitions

Job

• A specific position with an employer. (Grade 5 teacher at Dr Hamman in Taber)

Occupation

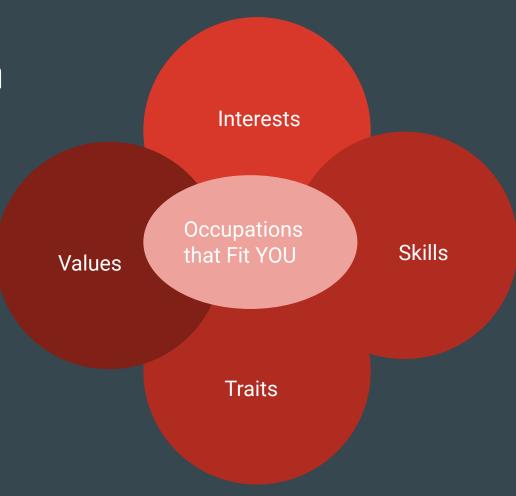
 A group of jobs with similar characteristics. (A teacher in Warner and one in Taber share the same occupation but have different jobs)

Career

 The sum total of your life experience including education, training, work and volunteer. (Her career was long and varied)

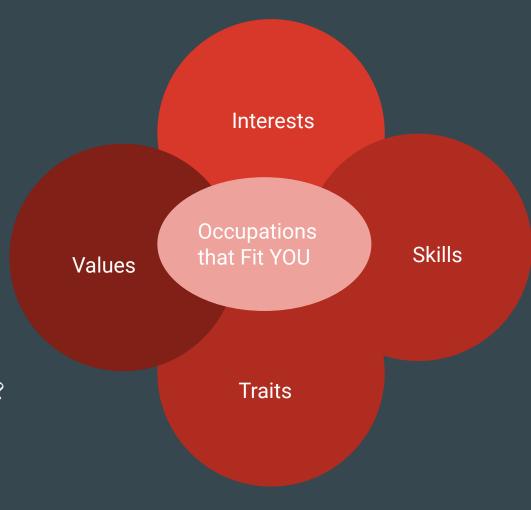
The Personal Transition system

- Start planning with your Skills, Interests, Traits and Values in mind
- Find 40 occupations that fit you don't stop at 1
- 3) Identify your Skills, Interests,
 Values and Traits and try out
 many career options while in
 High School



Pitfalls Avoid:

- Focusing on one item like
 Money or Ag-production or
 Insurance -
 - a) Be open to a wide variety of opportunities.
- 2) Following another person's path what are your strengths?
- 3) See Diagram



Explore - as Chris Hemsworth said, "I like to Explore Things"

Career staff here at school do not think that a high school student needs to have a career direction figured out!!

We are asking you to Explore, Research and Plan but NOT suggesting you must Decide or Know! collegetour openhouse www.alis.alberta.ca parttimejob recruiters student4aday careerfairs elw careerwiki

Resources for You

Heather Brantner, Off Campus Education

- Individual career planning advice
- Entrance to Apprenticeship
- Dual Credit with College Programs
- Job search and resume assistance
- Contact: heather.brantner@horizon.ab.ca

Kristin Bodnar, Tue, Wed and Thurs at Myers

- Individual career planning
- post-secondary applications, scholarships
- Add / Drop classes
- Job search and resume assistance
- Contact: <u>kristin.bodnar@horizon.ab.ca</u>

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Counselling Center at school

• Assistance with staying positive and committed to your goals and helping you find similar resources after you leave school

Go to CareerTrekBC

www.careertrekbc.ca