Career Bingo

Career Bingo reinforces awareness of various jobs and careers that students can pursue. Identifying work that is of interest early on motivates students to stay in school and to prepare for that opportunity. This is a two part activity.

The first part is to review the common list of jobs. Ask students which jobs they have heard of, and to provide a brief summary of the work involved. Then, ask students to create their own Bingo cards with the names of 24 of the 30 jobs on the list; this increases the likelihood that all cards will be unique.

The second part is to play Bingo. Students use their own cards and you draw cards out of a bowl. Each job on the list should be in the bowl 5 times – once each with “B,” “I,” “N,” “G,” “O” assigned to it. For younger students, read the job description and guess the occupation as a class. For older students, read the job description and have them figure out the occupation on their own.

COMMON LIST OF JOBS that require some education and training beyond high school

You should feel free to modify this list based the needs of your local community. Ask students what they think is involved in these jobs and supplement their answers with the descriptions provided.

Accountant: Helps companies manage their money.

Aircraft Mechanic: Figures out what is wrong with an airplane and fix it.

Architect: Works in the construction industry designing new buildings, houses or bridges

Carpenter: Creates or repairs things made out of wood, like houses or furniture

Chef: A professional cook, especially in a restaurant or hotel

Chemist: Analyzes or experiments with chemicals in a laboratory to create new products

Construction Manager: Manages a construction site and employees to keep everyone safe and on schedule

Dental Assistant: Assists a dentist by checking in patients, setting up equipment and updating records

Dentist: Diagnoses and treats problems related to teeth, gums and the mouth

Dietician: Advises others on food and nutritional needs

Doctor: Diagnoses and treats patients to help them feel better
**Electrician:** Installs and maintains electrical wiring that gives us things like lights and TV

**Engineer:** Uses math and science to plan and develop tools and machines to solve problems in areas like computers, mechanics and even landscaping

**Farm Manager:** Plans and coordinates a farm to ensure things like planting and harvesting go according to plan

**Firefighter:** Serves as a rescuer trained in fighting fires and basic medical care

**Food Scientist:** Uses science to study food to determine what it’s made of and if it’s safe to eat

**Game Developer:** Makes games for cell phones, PCs, and or gaming systems

**Graphic Designer:** Designs and creates graphics and images to use for websites, magazines and other materials

**High School Teacher:** A person who helps teenagers in 9th – 12th grade learn

**Librarian:** Works professionally in a library and gives access to information and resources

**Lawyer:** Studies the law and advises their clients in legal matters

**Logistics Analyst:** Coordinates and figures out how to get items and services from one place to another

**Machinist:** Uses machines or hand tools to build or modify parts, usually made out of metal or plastic

**Marketing Specialist:** Helps companies understand who they are trying to sell their products to and how to reach them through ads like commercials

**Nurse:** Works with doctors and others to help care for sick people

**Photographer:** Takes photographs and edits them

**Professor:** Teaches college students at a college or university

**Psychologist:** Studies the human brain and our behaviors to help people

**Sales Representative:** Showcases and sells products for a company

**Software Developer:** Analyzes and designs software (like computer programs or apps) to build and maintain them

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