

Students Find Their Best-Fit Path to a Successful Career

Opportunity Education's Pathways Curriculum is designed to prepare students for life after high school. With lessons in three core areas, **Interest and Career Exploration**, **Foundations of Professionalism**, and **Personal Finance** students investigate and experience a variety of career pathways, discover the components of communicating professionally, and practice managing personal finances.



1 INTEREST AND CAREER EXPLORATION

What am I interested in and what kind of work do I want to do?

Students identify their strengths, explore their values, learn about the economy and professions, and explore career opportunities that are suited to their interests and strengths.

2 FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONALISM

How can I succeed in the workplace?

Students practice important communication skills and build relationships with people that can support them in various life and work situations.

3 PERSONAL FINANCE

What financial resources do I need for my path beyond high school?

Students gain the knowledge, experience, and confidence needed to manage their finances and pursue the career path of their choice. They set financial goals for themselves and understand available financial resources.

The Pathways Curriculum can be implemented as a single course, a series of courses, a stand-alone program, or as a supplement to existing college and career counseling services your school already offers.



Paisley interned at a local recording studio, focusing on audio engineering. She learned how to mix samples and balance recordings, and participated in recording a local band's EP. She'll continue on this path, attending Berklee College of Music.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS SUPPORT EVERY STUDENT

Counselors and school leaders report that students who complete the Pathways Curriculum are prepared for life beyond high school and are more likely to stick to their chosen path due to their career experiences in high school. Using existing curriculum means school counselors can focus on what matters most: supporting individual students.



"Students have a better idea of their college and career goals, and they are more confident in their choices due to Pathways. Also, many of the workshops from the Pathways program directly support the college application process."

Sarah Earnest, School Counselor

SCHOOLS BECOME A VITAL PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY

The Pathways Curriculum helps schools extend the classroom to local business and professional communities, strengthening school-community relationships. The Pathways Curriculum helps establish partnerships with local professionals, creating a network of mentors that students can benefit from long after they graduate.



"Pathways has helped our school and students connect to the local community. Students apply skills they have learned and gain real-world experience through internships and service learning opportunities with local businesses, including nursing homes, clinics, and non-profit organizations."

Angela Reed, Pathways Program Manager



Jedidiah interned for a faith ministry as a photographer as well as Google.



Students explore multiple paths to find the right fit.

**ABOUT QUEST FORWARD HIGH SCHOOL SANTA ROSA**

Quest Forward High Schools provide students with the skills they'll need to succeed in college, career, and life. Our approach to academics empowers thoughtful, creative, and community-oriented students to discover and determine the right path for their future success.

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