

TAP Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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# Freshman Career Education Packet

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*Show what you know with the 4P's:*

**PLAN** your future

explore your **PATHWAY**

add to your **PORTFOLIO**

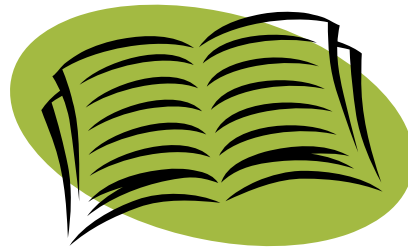
think senior **PROJECT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Path: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Goal: 4yr college \_\_\_\_\_ 2yr college \_\_\_\_\_

Technical School \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_



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# Freshman Year

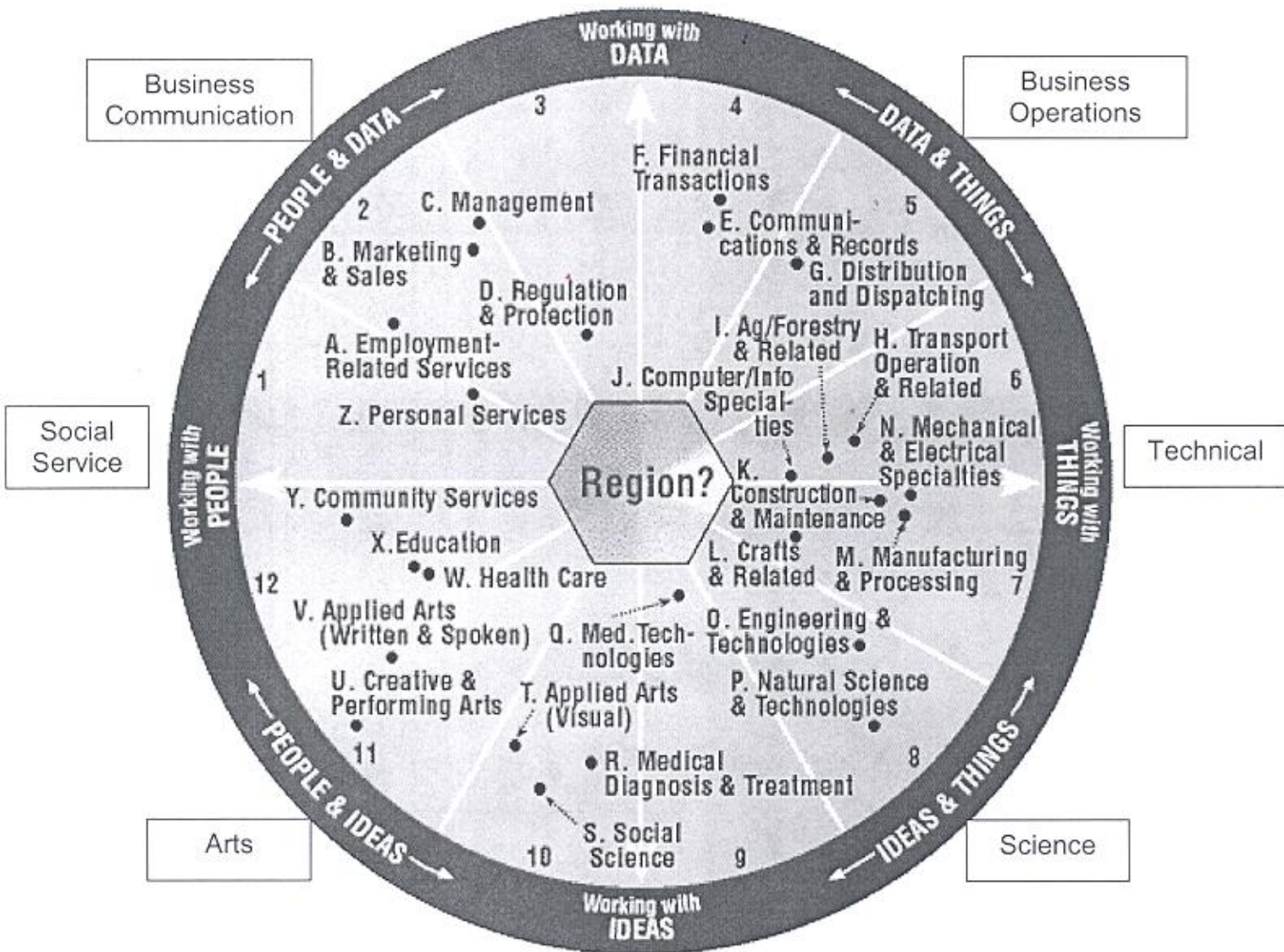


## Planning

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- Find out how to make the most of high school
- Ask your high school counselor for information about your post-secondary plans
- Plan challenging high school courses, keeping post-secondary plans in mind
- Find out why you should further your education
- Become familiar with post-secondary entrance requirements
- If you will apply to a four year college, plan to take the SAT or ACT
- Start thinking about reasons for attending different schools/programs
- Join/continue extracurricular activities
- Attend a summer experience in the field in which you are interested
- Continue/start saving for your post-secondary plans
- Research all after high school costs
- Explore careers on the Internet by using DISCOVER<sup>®</sup>

# World of Work Map



## EXAMPLE ONE:

Career Path = Social Service  
 Career Area = Education (X)  
 Career Goal = Teacher

Social Service → Education → Teacher

## EXAMPLE TWO:

Career Path = Business Communications  
 Career Area = Marketing & Sales (B)  
 Career Goal = Real Estate Sales Agent

Business Communications →  
 Sales & Marketing → Real Estate Sales Agent

# Activity #1



- ✓ Login to [www.act.org/discover/login](http://www.act.org/discover/login)
- ✓ Enter the login instructions from your token sheet.
- ✓ After logging in and placing your personal information in, go to “**My Portfolio**”, click on “**Personal Information**”, then click on the red bar, “**My User ID or Password**” on the left side of the page. Follow instructions to change your User ID info.

**Change this information to a user ID and password that you will not forget!** (You will be using this ID for the next three years)

WRITE YOUR USER ID \_\_\_\_\_ &  
PASSWORD \_\_\_\_\_ (this way you will always have it)

1. Click on the purple “**Inventories**” tab on top of page
  - Click on “**Abilities Inventory**”
  - Take “**Abilities Inventory**” online
  - Scroll to bottom of page and click “**Show my Results**”
  - Review results; click next
  - Review results; click on pink “**Home**” tab at top of page
2. **Researching a Career Demo**
  - Select the blue “**Occupations**” tab; search by “**World of Work Map**”
  - Scroll down and select the letter “**X**” under **Social Services**
  - Choose “**Graduate Degree**” then submit
  - Scroll down to “**Teacher (Secondary)**”
  - Explore Work Tasks; Related Occupations; Training; Qualities; Salary & Outlook; Likes/Dislikes; Info Bites; More Information
  - What are likes and dislikes? What qualities? Salary? Work tasks?

# Activity #2

Career Path\_\_\_\_\_

After reviewing your career path and World of Work Map, what do you like to work with?

Data\_\_\_\_\_ People\_\_\_\_\_ Things\_\_\_\_\_ Ideas\_\_\_\_\_

If you need to: Logon to [www.act.org/discover/login](http://www.act.org/discover/login)

- ✓ Select “**Occupations**” tab; search by “**World of Work Map**”
  
- ✓ **RESEARCH ONE CAREER** Remember to select an educational level that you want to achieve. Select either a 4 year degree , 2 year degree, or some training , under the educational level.

**Answer the following about your selected career by finding the words on the blue bar above the name of the career.**

Name of Career\_\_\_\_\_

Qualities:

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Training:

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Salary and Outlook:

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Likes and Dislikes:

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Describe why you think this would or would not be a good job for you:

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## Why Go to College?

Whether you are uncertain about going to college or you just need some reassurance you're on the right track, here are a few reasons to go to college:

- Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay. Most college graduates earn a lot more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school.
- The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job. According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.
- Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation. Today most good jobs require more than a high school diploma. Businesses want to hire people who know how to think and solve problems.
- Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits, including meeting new people, taking part in new opportunities to explore your interests, and experiencing success.

### Expected lifetime earnings

Professional degree	\$4.4 million
Doctoral degree	\$3.4 million
Master's degree	\$2.5 million
Bachelor's degree	\$2.1 million
Associate's degree	\$1.6 million
Some college	\$1.5 million
High school graduate	\$1.2 million
Non-high school graduate	\$1 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# ***MAKE HIGH SCHOOL COUNT***

## **CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING**

Turn to page 4 of your packet:

1. What is the average yearly income for someone with a Masters Degree?

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2. How much more per year does a person with a Masters Degree on average make than a high school drop out?

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3. What skills are needed for all careers?

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## **TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR CLASSES COUNT!**

Turn to page 6 of your packet:

4. List the “tips” you need to improve and why.

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5. Define a prerequisite.

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## WHAT YOU DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL COUNTS TOO!

Turn to page 13 of you packet:

6. List the items you need to improve on from this page.

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## YOUR FUTURE

Turn to pages 14 and 15 of you packet:

7. Where are you headed? List the appropriate web address for research.

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## FINANCIAL AID

Turn to page 8 of you packet:

8. List ways to receive financial assistance for furthering you post-secondary education.

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