LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

CAREER EXPLORATION
AND H.S. PLANNING
Follow Your Career Path

Where will my adventure take me?
Your adventure begins here!

8th Grade
Every 8th grade student in LCISD has completed an interest inventory survey and the results of the inventory in their history class.

The interest inventory survey results will help follow your career path.

The survey results will help you determine what classes to take in high school and also help determine what type of post-secondary education is best for you.

You may not remember the results of your survey at this time, but you know what your interest or goals you have for your future. The information in this video will be very helpful to guide you down your career path.
• Talk with classmate about the results of your interest inventory survey. If student does not remember their results have the student discuss career goals.

• Business and Industry, Education and Training, Construction, Health Science, Law Enforcement, Science, Technology, Engineering, etc......

• 2 minutes
Path to a Career/Job

8th Grade

High School

Post-Secondary Education

Career/Job
Junior High and High school are considered secondary education.

You may be wondering what is post-secondary education?

Post-secondary education is education after you have graduated from high school.

Junior college, Trade/Vocational School, Military, College/University, and Graduate School
Post-secondary education

- Vocational Trade School
- Junior/Community College
- Military
- College/University
- Graduate School
A vocational school, also called a trade school, is a learning institution that provides job specific training to students who are typically interested in one of the skilled trades. Some skilled trades may include electrician, beautician, welder, chef, or plumber.

Some trade schools you can attend while still in high school.
If your inventory survey results guide your post-secondary education to a vocational or trade school, the common requirement for admissions is students must hold a high school diploma or equivalent.
Junior or Community Colleges offer courses for two years beyond high school. The courses offered at a junior college are a complete training for a career, or the course can prepare students for admission at a four-year college or university.
In order to be admitted to a junior or community college, applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
Students can earn an associate's degree which is an undergraduate academic degree awarded by colleges and universities upon completion of a course of study. Earning an associate’s degree usually take two years or more of study.
Similarities and differences of Vocational/Trade School and Junior/Community college.
The military has many missions. The primary mission of course is to defend the U.S. and the U.S. interests. However, the military does at lot more than simply fight. Some examples of military missions include:

- Rescue operations
- Medical assistance in impoverished areas
- Food and Humanitarian relief
- Law enforcement
- Natural Disaster relief
In order to join the military you must:

• Be a U.S. citizen or a Green Card holder
• Be in good health
• Be at least 17 years old
• Have a high school diploma
• Complete the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test.
College/University is an institution of higher education and research which awards academic degrees in various academic disciplines. Universities typically provide undergraduate education and post-graduate education.
Common factors considered for admission to college and universities include:

High School Diploma with specific core courses
ACT or SAT scores
Grade Point Average and Class Rank for acceptance
Admissions Essay
Letters of Recommendation
Resume
Students can earn a bachelor’s degree, which is an undergraduate academic degree.

Bachelor degrees are awarded by colleges and universities upon completion of a course of study that usually last four academic years of full-time study.

Most bachelor’s degrees are titled Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.
Once students earn a bachelor’s degree, they may choose to earn a master’s degree. A master’s degree is the first level of graduate study that typically requires a year and one-half to two years of full-time study.
Admission to most graduate programs require that you take an admissions test, transcripts from colleges and universities attended, letters of recommendation, and an admissions essay.
What is your career path?

• Today we have learned about the various options of post-secondary education.
• Vocational/Trade School, Junior/Community College, Military, College/University, and Graduate school.
What is your career path?

• Discussion

• What goals will you be setting to ensure that you stay on your path to post-secondary education?

• What will be your goals for completion of a successful 8th grade year?

• What will be your goals for graduating from high school.