

# **MAP YOUR FUTURE**

## **A Career Planning Guide**

**It is never too early to think about  
your future!**

**Because, what you do  
in school today...**

**will impact your choices in the  
future!**

**Not only are you learning important subject skills, but you are learning other valuable skills that you will need..**

- communication**
- problem-solving**
- responsibility**
- good work habits**
- team work**
- positive attitude**

**You'll need all this knowledge when you go to work!**

**Career development is an important part of your education, too.**

**In fact, the more information you have about yourself and the world of work, the more informed decisions you can make!**

**Remember, career development is an on-going, lifelong process!**

**There are three steps  
that lead to your  
future!**

# 1. Assessment

## Who Am I?

- Life priorities
- Interests
- Preferences
- Aptitudes
- Skills
- Achievements

# 2.

## Exploration

### Where Am I Going?

- Career Information
- Labor Market Information
- Career research
- Goal setting
- Connecting Classroom to World of Work

# 3.

## Action

### How Do I Get There?

- Skills to Develop
- Education / Training
- Self-marketing activities:  
*networking, resumes*  
*interviews, follow-up*
- Obstacles and strategies

Go to:

# Florida CHOICES PLANNER

[www.flchoices.org](http://www.flchoices.org)

# Florida CHOICES PLANNER:

## WORK SECTION

- free on-line career information program
- assessments
- 650+ occupations
- career videos
- resume builder

## LEARN SECTION

- 8,000 postsecondary schools
- high school & postsecondary planning

## YOUR PORTFOLIO SECTION

- stores assessment results
- saves education & career plans

## On Florida CHOICES:

- Create a portfolio in the student section.
- Take the Interest Profiler.

You will get a list of occupations that match your results.

- Explore the occupations on your list for information.

You can find out:

- a description of the career
- the average annual wage
- the future outlook
- the education/training required
- the Career Cluster

**Most occupations today require some type of education or training after high school.**

**In fact, 85% of all new jobs projected will require education/training past high school.**

**Workers will need to be better educated to fill new jobs and continue to learn as technology and skill requirements change.  
That means life-long learning!**

**When you have information on yourself and careers, it's time to map out a plan.**

- list your career goal**
- list what you will do this year to achieve your goal**
- list what you will do in high school to achieve your goal**
- list the education/training required after high school**

**Your electronic portfolio in CHOICES saves your career and education plans.**

**Go to [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) to complete your ePEP.**

**(electronic Personal Education Plan)**

You can plan your high school courses,  
and...

You can select your major area of  
interest-electives that help you learn more  
about areas you might be considering in  
future careers.

Then you'll be on the  
success track to  
high school graduation!

# Map out the future you want!

- **Understand that what you do in school matters!**
- **Know your interests and possible careers that match!**
- **Make plans to prepare for a rewarding future!**

**Your FUTURE  
Starts  
Today!**