# Intermediate Level Career & Workforce Readiness

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#### **Career Awareness and Preparation**

- □ I can list ten (10) careers that match my interests and abilities.
- □ I can list five non-traditional careers for both boys and girls.
- □ I have researched three (3) different types of career training programs and their related employment possibilities.
- □ I can list five careers in demand in the area where I live.
- □ I understand how the global economy influences each person's job opportunities, earnings and the rate of unemployment in our area.
- □ I have made a list of my extracurricular activities and community experiences and can describe how they may influence my career development.
- □ I have written a career plan with goals, assessments, interests, abilities, and postsecondary plans.
- □ I have met with my 8th grade counselor and my parents to list courses and extracurricular plans for high school, matched to my academic and career goals.

## **Career** Acquisition

- □ I have made a formal speech in front of others.
- □ I can list five (5) effective listening skills and can demonstrate these skills in a role-play situation.
- □ I have used three (3) different resources to research three (3) regional job openings linked to my interests and abilities.
- □ I have completed a formal job application.
- □ I have drafted a resume.
- □ I have written a thank-you letter after an interview.
- □ I have assembled my written career plan and goals in a portfolio along with my awards, achievements, schoolwork, and projects.
- $\Box$  I can describe five (5) workplace skills\* that I will need in my future career.

\*Attitude, punctuality/attendance, commitment, communication, dependability, initiative, time management, teamwork, technical literacy, and getting along with others.

## **Career Retention and Advancement**

- □ I have interviewed a worker to find out what attitudes and work habits helped him/her to get promoted and to keep his/her job.
- □ I have worked with others on a team and can state each person's contribution to the project.
- I have discussed various conflict resolution skills in a group setting and can use them to solve a problem.
- □ I have set up a sample budget with imaginary expenses and income to understand importance of financial planning.
- I have developed a weekly and a monthly time schedule and kept track of events in a daily/weekly planner.
- □ I have interviewed a person with a disability and asked him/her how it affected his/her career planning and goals.
- □ I have interviewed a person who has been retrained for a new career.

#### Entrepreneurship

- □ I have interviewed both someone who works for a company and a business owner to learn about the difference in their job security, wages, costs, and benefits.
- □ I have interviewed 3 business owners to learn the entrepreneurial qualities needed to be successful
- □ I have started to develop a basic business plan after interviewing an entrepreneur.
- I have discussed with my teacher or parent the basic components of a business plan (competition, daily operations, finances, marketing, and resource management) as applied to the creation of a new business.

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