

interestsurvey

- All 5<sup>th</sup> graders will complete a Career Portfolio this year. This will require you to learn about a career that interests you and write a paper. You will then present the information you learned to your classmates.
- You will receive a packet with more information about the portfolio in a few weeks. You will work on this in Think Lab and Technology specials, as well as in your classroom. Your teacher will give you specific information about due dates later this spring.
- We are starting this project today by doing an Interest Survey about Careers. This will help you to identify career clusters that you are interested in for your portfolio project.

# Directions:

- Get a piece of notebook paper.
- Number down the left side (1 number per line): 1-16.
- These numbers will match the # on each slide for the survey.

**For each of the following slides:**

- **Read each item on the slide.**
- **If it is an activity that you would enjoy or that sounds interesting to you, make a tally mark for that activity on the line # on your paper that matches the box # of the slide.**
- **If you are not sure what the activity is, you can ask a parent or older sibling ... or skip it if no one else is around.**
  - **I have put FAQ's on pages with the most Frequently Asked Questions that students have when we do this in class 😊**

For example – if you would enjoy “transplanting small trees” and “hiking & watching wildlife” but none of the others sound interesting or fun to you, you would make 2 tally marks on line #1 of your notebook paper.

Go ahead and read through the items on each slide, and as you read, make a tally for each item that sound fun or interesting to you 😊

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- Taking care of pets in your neighborhood
  - Transplanting small trees
  - Planting and taking care of flowers & plants
  - Working in a garden & creating landscapes
  - Nursing sick animals back to health
  - Brushing or grooming dogs, cats, and/or horses
  - Hiking & watching wildlife
  - Chopping wood & replanting trees
  - Identifying environmental hazards & sick/dying plants

1

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: Habitat for Humanity is a community organization that helps people. They are best known for building houses for people who cannot afford a home.**

- Repairing small appliances
- Painting houses or buildings
- Using tools to make household repairs
- Cutting and shaping wood to build structures
- Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity
- Drawing floor plans
- Building simple circuit boards
- Laying brick or cinder block
- Landscaping and planting flower gardens

2

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: Amateur means that it is not professional. For example, a college radio station would be an "amateur" radio station.**

- 3
- Performing (music, drama, dance) for an audience
  - Creating graphic designs on a computer
  - Creating an original video or film
  - Sketching or painting pictures
  - Taking photographs
  - Writing poems, stories or plays
  - Making jewelry, sculpture, ceramics or stained glass
  - Designing a newspaper layout (artwork)
  - Being an announcer for an amateur radio station

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: “minutes” of a school club meeting = taking notes at a club meeting, so that everyone remembers what you talked about.**

- Using a cash register
- Typing minutes of a school club meeting
- Filing or sorting mail or other papers
- Running your own business
- Developing Web pages and creating print layouts using desktop publishing
- Managing tasks for a group
- Preparing reports and analyzing data
- Typing documents for other people
- Volunteering to answer phones

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

5

- Working as a kids' camp counselor or volunteer
- Tutoring young children
- Reading to elementary school students
- Giving instructions for/or directing a play
- Baby-sitting young children
- Organizing and shelving library books
- Peer counseling or mediation
- Helping at Special Olympics events
- Teaching young children in an after-school program

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ:** a “treasurer” is the person who handles the club’s money.

**FAQ:** “spreadsheets” = Microsoft Excel document (like a chart) that helps you to sort, organize, and make calculations with data. Examples of data are money and grades.

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- Planning a mock stock market game
  - Investing money and studying investments
  - Balancing a checkbook
  - Opening a savings/checking account
  - Being a treasurer for a school club
  - Organizing a fund-raiser
  - Collecting money for a school or community event
  - Developing a budget
  - Using spreadsheets and financial computer programs

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: campaigning = helping someone to advertise that they are running for an office (like senator or president), convincing people to vote for someone**

**FAQ: "urban planning" = helping to plan and design a city or some part of a city (like a new park)**

**FAQ: "grant" = money that you apply for. Like writing a persuasive essay about why an organization should give you money for something. Normally you have to show how the money will be used to help people.**

- Campaigning for a political candidate
- Making political speeches
- Volunteering as an urban planning committee member
- Running for class office
- Planning and preparing budgets
- Participating in a debate
- Volunteering as a legislative aide
- Learning and speaking a foreign language
- Researching and writing grants

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: "CPR" is used to save someone's life if they stop breathing or if their heart stops. Many adults (including many of your teachers!) are trained in CPR so that they can help save a life if there is an emergency.**

- Taking care of a sick relative
- Watching doctor/hospital shows on TV
- Learning first aid and CPR
- Volunteering at a retirement home
- Volunteering as a hospital aide
- Using a stethoscope to listen to someone's heart
- Identifying human body parts from a diagram
- Bandaging sports injuries with a trainer's help
- Assisting persons in wheelchairs with daily tasks

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: “catering” is when a cook or restaurant prepares food for an event somewhere else, and then takes the food to the event/party.**

**FAQ: “concession stand” is where you buy snacks, hot dogs, etc., at a game or event.**

- Working in a restaurant
- Planning vacations and other events
- Cooking, baking and serving meals
- Participating in sports or recreational activities
- Being a lifeguard
- Catering an event
- Working at a concession stand
- Exercising and working out
- Officiating a sporting event

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: "dietetic aide" = someone who helps other people with their diets ("diet" is the root word).**

**FAQ: "Big Brother's / Big Sisters" = a community organization. Young adults can volunteer to be a mentor ("Big" brother/sister) to an elementary-aged student. There are many other similar mentoring programs, like Mentor Me. SBE even has a mentoring program where High School students and adults in the community mentor kids at our school!**

- Making a family menu
- Working with the elderly
- Working at a shelter
- Shopping, comparing prices & consumer goods
- Listening & helping friends with problems
- Participating in youth groups or community groups
- Working as a dietetic aid
- Volunteering at a retirement home
- Volunteering to be a Big Brother/Big Sister

10

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: an “operating system” is the program that runs your computer or device. For instance, “windows” and “iOS” are operation systems.**

- Developing software programs
- Building computers
- Playing video games
- Surfing the Internet
- Learning how to configure operating systems
- Installing software
- Learning how to assemble computer hardware
- Playing with electronic gadgets
- Designing video games

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: An "EMT" is an Emergency Medical Technician. The men and women on an ambulance are EMT's - they have a lot of medical training to help save someone's life while they are taking them to the hospital.**

- Reading mystery novels
- Listening to a police scanner
- Watching mystery movies or courtroom dramas
- Playing "Clue" or other mystery board games
- Volunteering in a lawyer's office
- Following court cases in the news
- Participating in EMT training
- Volunteering to search for missing pets or persons
- Participating in search and/or rescue training

12

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

FAQ: “upholstering” is the stuffing and fabric that you use on furniture.

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- Welding or working with metals
- Repairing and upholstering furniture
- Creating wood carvings
- Taking machine shop classes
- Making belts or other leather goods
- Operating a printing press
- Installing and repairing home electronics
- Sewing, weaving, knitting or other needlework
- Building cabinets, shelves and other simple woodworking

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

Cutting & styling hair

Selling products for a school fund-raiser

Taking tours of new houses for sale

Designing or modeling clothes

Giving people advice on products they should buy

Decorating your house and rearranging your furniture

Planning and having a yard sale

Arranging and selling flowers

Fixing watches and clocks

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Visiting science museums
- Designing experiments
- Exploring caves and collecting rocks
- Watching the weather and tracking storms
- Using a computer to solve math problems and equations
- Identifying plants, animals and/or marine life
- Developing solutions to environmental problems
- Building model aircraft/boats/trains
- Learning about different cultures

15

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAQ: CB and ham radio's are not as common. These are the kind of radio your bus driver uses...**

**FAQ: A paper route is like a bus route ... but instead of picking up students, the person is delivering the daily newspaper to the same people each day.**

- Flying airplanes
- Repairing vehicles, bikes and engines
- Working in a warehouse or taking inventory
- Operating motorized machines or equipment
- Visiting space camps
- Building and repairing boats
- Operating a CB or ham radio
- Reading mechanical and automotive magazines/blogs
- Having a paper route

16

**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

# Top 3 Areas

- Look over the 16 lines and find the 3 that have the most tallies.
- Match the line #'s for your top three to the key on the next page. On your notebook paper, write the names of your Top 3 Interest Areas (ranked #1, #2, and #3).
- If you have a tie, pick the one or ones you like best.

- 1: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources**
- 2: Architecture & Construction**
- 3: Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications**
- 4: Business Management & Administration**
- 5: Education & Training**
- 6: Finance**
- 7: Government & Public Administration**
- 8: Health Science**
- 9: Hospitality & Tourism**
- 10: Human Services**
- 11: Information Technology**
- 12: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security**
- 13: Manufacturing**
- 14: Marketing**
- 15: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math**
- 16: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics**

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**TOTALS**

Count the check marks in each section on pages 11-14 and place the total in the corresponding box below.

1. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources _____	2. Architecture & Construction _____	3. Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications _____	4. Business Management & Administration _____
5. Education & Training _____	6. Finance _____	7. Government & Public Administration _____	8. Health Science _____
9. Hospitality & Tourism _____	10. Human Services _____	11. Information Technology _____	12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security _____
13. Manufacturing _____	14. Marketing _____	15. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____	16. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics _____

Source: Adapted from "Who R U" Interest survey with permission from Virginia Career View

My **top three** Interest Areas:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

As you can see, the interest survey is divided into 16 groups. Each group is a **career cluster**. Career clusters place similar occupations in groups. These clusters help you narrow the thousands of career options in the world to a general area of interest. The clusters connect what you learn in school to the skills and knowledge you need beyond high school. Some careers are placed in more than one cluster.

# Next Steps

- Record your Top 3 Interest Areas here:  
<http://goo.gl/forms/5clQwJCZEj>
- During Technology and Think Lab specials, you will be doing some research about careers in your Top 3 interest areas to help narrow down to just 1 career to focus on for your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Portfolio project.