

In 7th and 8th grade Jefferson Middle School students begin career exploration through Wisconsin Careers. Wisconsin Careers is a computer based program that allows students to learn about various careers as well as store information. This exploration gives students the opportunity to take assessments based upon their likes and dislikes, which in turn places them into various careers that they may enjoy. Students have the opportunity to learn about careers that they may not have ever heard of in the past. Using Wisconsin Careers students are able to create an E-Portfolio that will be available throughout high school to help in planning course work for their future career path. The E-Portfolio allows students to take assessments, input their academic records, activities, accomplishments, skills and abilities. Keeping record of all their information year after year will help students when applying for scholarships, applying to colleges, and filling out applications. All of the information is saved within their E-Portfolio.

WISCareers is designed to help youth and adults:

- become aware of themselves and explore how their unique patterns of interests, skills and values can be applied in their career
- become aware of the relevance of how their current educational experiences serve as the foundation for future career aspirations and life path
- develop the job-seeking skills needed to acquire meaningful employment and make successful transitions into and throughout the world of work

Offering Students and Job-Seekers...

- Self-assessments matching occupations to interests, values, and skills
- Comprehensive information on more than over 700 occupations and overviews of more than 450 specializations
- Career Clusters and Pathways for easy exploration of occupations and a better understanding of how they are related to one another
- An emphasis on Wisconsin Labor Market information
- Comprehensive information for more than 3,400 post-secondary schools and over 1,200 programs of study
- Compare features for occupations and for schools, universities, and colleges
- Real Life Videos, which includes occupational videos in English and Spanish
- An E-Portfolio that helps individuals to provide evidence of their potential by demonstrating past accomplishments that can be shared with others
- An Individual Learning Plan to support career and education planning
- A Career Planning Guide for high school students
- Resume and Cover Letter programs
- A Budget Builder program
- Links to job openings
- A Spanish version