

Your Career-Ready Student: A PARENT CHECKLIST



More than half of Florida students surveyed say they rely most on friends and family members for career advice. Here are some tips to help them assess, explore and plan for a career.

ASSESS

- Help your student identify their interests and abilities. MyNextMove.org is an interactive tool that can help. Search by keyword or click under “I’m not really sure” to take an interest inventory.
- Assess their values. Does your student want a career where they work alone? In a team? With the public? Is it more important that they help others, have fun, exercise creativity or make lots of money?
- Rate their level of skill mastery. Employers in any industry value communication, critical thinking, self-management and interpersonal skills.



Career and Technical Education programs are low-cost, fast, widely available and excellent at preparing students for a mid- to high-wage career

EXPLORE

The opportunities are endless with Career and Technical Education, learn more about the 17 pathways at GetThereFL.com.

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business, Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Energy
- Engineering & Technology Education
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Identify the career clusters your student finds most interesting and spend time looking at several careers within that cluster together.
- Take classes and participate in extracurricular activities to explore these fields.
- Encourage your student to have career-related conversations with other respected adults who know them well.
- Be sure your student knows that career and technical education is an alternative to a traditional four-year college education that might be a better fit for some.

PLAN

- Visit a technical high school or postsecondary school in your area.
- Attend career fairs and meet employers in your industry.
- Set short-term goals (think days or weeks) and long-term goals (months, semesters, or years), such as graduate, enroll and apply for financial aid.



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