



Middle school is a great time to explore your future so you won't be...
CAREER CLUELESS
 Take inventory of your interests to find a career path

Follow the three-step instructions below to discover your career interests.
 It's easy—and fun.

- 1 In each section, circle the subjects, activities or people that are the most appealing to you.
- 2 Count the number of items you circled in each section. Write this number at the end of each section.
- 3 Write the letters from the three sections containing the highest numbers below, from greatest to smallest. This is your **career code**.

R

- Farming
- Auto mechanics
- Carpentry
- Setting type for a print job
- Wildlife biology
- Building things
- Fixing electrical things
- Driving a truck

TOTAL R = _____

I

- Advanced math
- Astronomy
- Physics
- Using a chemistry set
- Being in a science fair
- Doing puzzles
- Building rocket models
- Working in a science lab

TOTAL I = _____

A

- Being in a play
- Drawing or painting
- Foreign languages
- Reading about art or music
- Going to concerts
- Fashion design
- Creative writing
- Playing an instrument

TOTAL A = _____

S

- Studying foreign cultures
- Community service
- Teaching children
- Helping people
- Making new friends
- Attending sports events
- Belonging to a club
- Working with elderly people

TOTAL S = _____

E

- Talking with people at a party
- Working on a sales campaign
- Buying materials for a store
- Selling a product
- Being with leaders
- Being elected class president
- Giving speeches
- Talking to sales persons

TOTAL E = _____

C

- Word processing on a computer
- Using a cash register
- Working 9 to 5
- Typing reports
- Following a budget
- Using business machines
- Keeping detailed reports
- Filing letters and reports

TOTAL C = _____

MY CAREER CODE

CAREER CODES:

R REALISTIC

Realistic people have athletic or mechanical abilities. They usually like to work outdoors with objects, machines, tools, plants or animals.

Auto body repairer	Electrician
Landscaper	Farmer
Cabinet maker	Mechanic
Commercial driver	Surveyor

I INVESTIGATIVE

Investigative people like to observe, learn, investigate, analyze, evaluate or solve problems.

Engineer	Meteorologist
Chemist	Doctor
Biologist	Pharmacist
Fire investigator	Veterinarian

A ARTISTIC

Artistic people have innovative or intuitive abilities. They usually like to work in an unstructured situation, using their imagination or creativity.

Actor/Actress	Interior decorator
Architect	Musician
Composer	Stage director
Dancer	Writer

S SOCIAL

Social people like to work with others. They like to inform, enlighten, help, train, develop or cure people. They also may be skilled with words.

Teacher	Athletic trainer
Counselor	Dental hygienist
Psychologist	Physical therapist
Speech therapist	Probation officer

E ENTERPRISING

Enterprising people also like to work with people, but they like to influence, persuade, or perform. They like to lead or manage for organizational goals or economic gain.

Sales person	Manager
Buyer	Lawyer
Flight attendant	Insurance agent
Cosmetologist	Travel agent

C CONVENTIONAL

Conventional people like to work with data, have clerical or numerical ability and pay attention to detail.

Accountant	Receptionist
Air traffic controller	Secretary
Computer operator	Tax preparer
Telephone operator	Mail carrier

Do you feel that you fit?

It's OK if you don't think you fit any of the results above. Most occupations include more than one career code letter. For example, while doctors are mainly investigative, they also fall within the social and artistic areas. Interest inventories can help you explore career ideas that may not have occurred to you, but they are not meant to limit your choices.

Now what?

- 1 Talk to your school counselor about your preferences and career options.
- 2 Drop your career code into the RIASEC Entry tool at www.learnmoreindiana.org.
- 3 Investigate your career options through the Learn More College Connection, www.learnmoreindiana.org.

Record your career code in your Indiana Guidance Portfolio.