



FREE TEEN PLANNING WORKBOOK

Florida Homeschool Teen Career and Training Explorer

A route-neutral workbook for comparing college, technical training, industry credentials, registered apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and direct-to-work pathways.

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START WITH EVIDENCE

What does the teen already know about themselves?

Tasks I learn quickly

Problems I enjoy solving

Topics I return to without being assigned

People or communities I want to help

Tools, technology, or materials I enjoy using

Work settings that give me energy

Work settings that drain me

Income, schedule, location, and flexibility priorities



Florida's career-cluster starting map

Cluster	Interesting roles/problems	What I want to test
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources		
Architecture and Construction		
Arts, A/V Technology and Communication		
Business Management and Administration		
Education and Training		
Energy		
Engineering and Technology		
Finance		
Government and Public Administration		
Health Science		
Hospitality and Tourism		
Human Services		
Information Technology		
Law, Public Safety and Security		
Manufacturing		
Marketing, Sales and Service		
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics		



Career evidence card

Role/occupation

What people actually do

Typical work settings and
schedule

Skills and physical/access
demands

Required versus preferred
education

License, certification, or
credential

Local employers or
organizations

Entry-level pay and
advancement evidence source

Three questions for a working
professional

Use more than one source

Compare an official occupation source, current local job postings, a training provider, and a person doing the work. Marketing pages alone are not enough.



COMPARE ROUTES

Four or more ways to reach the goal

Route	Time	Total cost	Earn while learning?	Credential/outcome	Risks/questions
University					
Florida College System					
District technical college/center					
Registered apprenticeship					
Industry credential/bootcamp					
Direct work/entrepreneurship					

- ☐ Verify admission requirements and whether prior credits or credentials apply.
- ☐ Compare tuition, fees, equipment, transportation, unpaid time, and debt - not sticker price alone.
- ☐ Confirm who issues the credential and whether employers or licensing boards recognize it.
- ☐ Check completion, placement, wage, refund, and licensure-pass data where available.



TEST BEFORE COMMITTING

Low-risk career experiments

Experiment	Contact/setting	Date	What I will observe	Evidence/output	Next decision
Informational interview					
Job shadow					
Volunteer role					
Paid work					
Short course					
Portfolio project					
Competition/club					
Apprenticeship info session					

Safety and boundaries

Use parent-approved contacts, locations, transportation, supervision, and communication. Do not share sensitive personal data simply to explore a field.



BUILD A RECORD

Skills, projects, credentials, and references

Date	Experience/project	Skills used	Hours/output	Verifier/reference	Artifact saved

Resume or portfolio location

Credential verification link

Two references to cultivate

Next artifact to create



Side-by-side pathway scorecard

Criterion	Option A	Option B	Option C	Evidence/notes
Interest fit				
Strength fit				
Access/support fit				
Time to entry				
Total cost/debt				
Income while training				
Credential portability				
Local opportunity				
Advancement				
Backup options				

Leading option

Evidence still missing

Smallest next test

Decision review date



90-day exploration sprint

Week	Action	Person/resource	Evidence to collect	Status
1-2				
3-4				
5-6				
7-8				
9-10				
11-12				

End-of-sprint review

What I learned about the work

What I learned about myself

Route I will test next

Course or experience to add

Question I still need answered



VERIFY

Official Florida career starting points

[Florida Department of Education - Career and Technical Education](#)

[Florida Department of Education - Career and Adult Education](#)

[Florida Department of Education - CTE Asset Map](#)

[Florida Department of Education - Registered Apprenticeship](#)

[Florida College System](#)

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Programs, costs, admission rules, labor-market conditions, licensing requirements, and credential recognition change. Verify them directly before enrolling or paying.

My next three actions
