Exploring Middle Level Career Education
Through Experiential Activities (Grades 6 to 9)
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Can You Escape?
INTRODUCTIONS
- Name, Position, Connection to Career Education or reason for choosing this session.

AGENDA
- Why does Career Development/Education Matter?
- Overview of Experiential Learning Activities
- Can you Escape? Team Challenge
- Reflection - Classroom Connections, Key Takeaway, etc.
Why is Career Development/Career Education important?
Career Development is the lifelong pursuit of answers to the questions: “Who am I, why am I here, and what am I meant to do with my life?”

-- Career Cruising: The Perfect Storm Makes Career Development More Important Than Ever
What is Career Development/Career Education?

Career Development/Career Education is about discovering:

- One’s authentic self in terms of interests, temperament, personality, values, skills, talents, hopes & dreams.
- The types of activities, situations, and people with which one is most comfortable, happy, and fulfilled.
- The learning subjects in which one is most interested and the learning styles with which one is most effective, engaged and comfortable.
- The types of extra-curricular activities, hobbies, sports, pastimes one likes most.
- The types of work, paid or unpaid, one might do which align with one’s talents, preferences, and aspirations, and are congruent with one’s values, sense of meaning, and purpose.
- The 21st century knowledge and skills needed to progress in one’s life/career.
- The knowledge to develop plans to reach short and longer term objectives, and to adjust plans with changing circumstances and emerging opportunities.
- The knowledge and skills to balance work and life and become independent, resilient citizens contributing to the prosperity of one’s family and community.

“Effective career guidance in high schools can improve the transition from education to employment for young people...benefits include increased engagement in education, improved employment prospects and an increase in social capital and wellbeing.”

-- Career Guidance: The Missing Link in School To Work Transitions Report
Curriculum Connections

Career Education 6-9 Curriculum Documents

- Outcomes and Indicators

Assessment

- Consider Assessment and how you will gather evidence of learning

Plan

- Begin planning relevant activities and learning experiences.

Grade 6-9 Career Education are mandatory courses for students in Saskatchewan.

Feedback is key!

Always keep in mind student interests, readiness, etc. and consider ways to blend & personalize learning.
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• Outcomes and Indicators

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Career Jenga is a fun way to explore various Career Education Outcomes.

Virtual Reality Experiences
Online, Virtual and/or Virtual Reality Explorations can provide students with experiential learning opportunities.

Breakout Challenges
Help students develop and improve 21st Century Skills using lockbox or escape room style challenges.

STEAM Projects or Activities
Provide students with opportunities to develop new understandings and skills related to their preferred life/career choices through STEAM challenges.

Self Discovery
Discover and explore career-related interactive learning experiences, create your own, and/or think of ways students can create their own learning opportunities. Share your ideas!
Can You Escape?  A few tips to get your team started on your challenge:

Your mission is to unlock all of the locks and solve the breakout challenge before your time runs out!

Tips:

- Search for clues around the room that may provide information as to the lock combinations.
- Communicate with your team and share ideas about clues. Brainstorm possibilities. Think outside the box!
- Test what you think you know. If unsuccessful, keep trying!
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Setting the Scene
Can You Escape?

Breakout Challenges

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Timer
How might these or similar experiences support student learning of Career Education outcomes in your classroom? With Clients?

Think Before/During/After. How can we help students/clients make meaning of these experiences?

Any questions regarding set-up of activities?

Any anticipated challenges?

Any further supports/needed?

New ideas?

What next?
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Thank you for participating!