

# Explore Careers

with Texas Workforce Commission  
Grades 6 - 8



## What do I like?



Use this section to discover your interests, skills, and personality type!



## Where do I want to go?

Learn more about Texas High School Endorsement areas.

## What do I want to do?

Learn more about careers in each of the endorsement areas.

## What skills do I need?

Learn how you can enhance your skills for your future career!



## Discover more!

Learn about more career resources for you and your family!



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# What do I like?

Why is it sometimes so tough to answer the questions "**Who am I?**" or "**What do I like?**" Well, because it takes time to learn what in life is most exciting to you, what your strengths are and what you like. Begin learning how to answer that huge question - and take a **personality assessment or do an interest assessment!**



## My Next Move

Discover the types of skills you are interested in and learn about careers that match your interests!

[www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)

## Texas Career Check



Take the **Interest Profiler** quiz to find out about jobs that fit your likes and dislikes!

[tinyurl.com/interest-profiler](http://tinyurl.com/interest-profiler)



## Career Cluster Interest Survey

Print off this **survey** to discover the career cluster that fits best with your personality.

[tinyurl.com/smcareersurvey](http://tinyurl.com/smcareersurvey)

## Education Planner Quiz



Which careers match your skills? Take this **Education Planner Quiz**!

[tinyurl.com/matchyourskills](http://tinyurl.com/matchyourskills)



## Online Games!

Check out these games! [www.middlegalaxy.org](http://www.middlegalaxy.org) or play **Pop-A-Job** to see what jobs you may not even know of yet!

## Personality Test



Go to **16personalities.com** and get a full report on your personality type after you take the test!



# Where do I want to go?

Figuring out what you want to do when you grow up is a challenge, but **endorsement areas** can help you explore classes and fields of study that interest you today so you can find your dream job tomorrow. Texas has 5 high school endorsement areas you can explore!

The **Texas Workforce Commission** has created endorsement bulletins for you to print out and learn more!  
(<http://tiny.cc/InfographicTWC>)



**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**



**Business and Industry**



**Public Service**



**Arts and Humanities**



**Multi-Disciplinary Studies**

**Map My Grad:** Use this website to learn about Texas High School plans and the endorsements you can choose from. **There is even a fun quiz to learn what endorsement is best for you!** (<https://www.mapmygrad.org/takethequiz>)

# What do I want to do?



Click on the blue hyperlinks to explore!

## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

This endorsement's pathway would be great for a student that loves problem solving and values science. A **STEM endorsement** prepares students for the many different fields, like computer science or scientific research!

### Career Pathways:

[Civil Drafters](#)

[Machine Tool Operators](#)

[Electrical Engineer Technicians](#)

[Software Developers](#)

### Videos:

[Application Developers](#)

[Robotics Engineers](#)

[Video Game Designers](#)

[Mechanical Engineers](#)



Do you like to play video games? Did you know as a video game engineer, you can create your own!

Which of these careers require a bachelor's degrees?

## Multi-Disciplinary Studies

This endorsement's pathway would be great for a student that has deep interests in a few different fields. A **multi-disciplinary studies endorsement** prepares students for jobs in the worlds that collide- like journalism and advertising!

### Career Pathways:

[Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks](#)

[Computer User Support Specialist](#)

[Surveyors](#)

[Market Research Analysts](#)

### Videos:

[Architectural Designers](#)

[Audio Engineers](#)

[Fashion Designers](#)

[What is Multi-Disciplinary Studies?](#)

As a Market Analyst, I collect data about customers to help improve business practices. I use both my business and math knowledge and skills for this job.



What does a Surveyor do?

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## Business and Industry

This endorsement's pathway would be great for a student that enjoys working with people, tools and values structure. A **business and industry endorsement** prepares students for many different fields like manufacturing and hospitality!

### Career Pathways:

[Accountants and Auditors](#)  
[Construction Managers](#)  
[Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers](#)  
[General and Operations Managers](#)  
[Truck Drivers](#)

### Videos:

[Carpenters](#)  
[Electricians](#)  
[Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters](#)  
[Manufacturing Logistics Associates](#)



**Fun fact:** Many **apprenticeship programs** are geared toward the skilled trades (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc.), but other industries including healthcare and information technology are also developing their own apprenticeship programs!

## Public Service

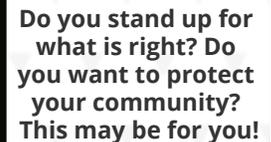
This endorsement's pathway would be great for a student who values helping people. A **public service endorsement** prepares students for many different fields, like education and healthcare!

### Career Pathways:

[Medical and Public Health Social Workers](#)  
[Secondary School Teachers](#)  
[Respiratory Therapist](#)  
[Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers](#)

### Videos:

[Heroes of Public Service](#)  
[Health Educators](#)  
[Occupational Therapists](#)  
[Registered Nurses](#)



Do you stand up for what is right? Do you want to protect your community? This may be for you!



Can you find out how much a registered nurse makes in Texas?

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## Arts and Humanities

This endorsement's pathway would be great for a student that enjoys expressive and inventive work. An **arts and humanities endorsement** prepares students for many different worlds, like graphic design and creative writing!

### Career Pathways:

[Audio & Video Equipment Technicians](#)

[Graphic Designers](#)

[Multimedia Artists and Animators](#)

[Sound Engineering Technicians](#)

[Historians](#)

### Videos:

[Cartoonists](#)

[Creature Effects Creators](#)

[Roboticians](#)

[Sound Engineers](#)

Let your creativity flow with this endorsement!



What does a sound engineer do?

Didn't see the occupation video you were hoping to find? No problem!

Click [here](#) to get to Texas OnCourse's **ROADTRIP NATION** website, then:

- Answer 3 questions provided
- Browse a list of people in occupations that interest you.
- Pay attention to those with a video icon next to their photo.
- You can watch to learn more about them & what they do.
- You can even set up a profile to watch all the videos available in several different careers & industries.

**Have fun watching!**



That was a lot of information! Now, write down 3 things you learned about endorsements. Which endorsement do you like best?

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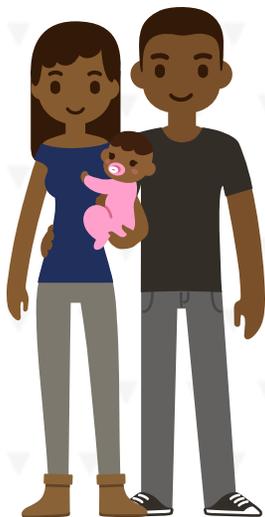


## How can you work on career awareness while school is closed?

**Activity #1:** Conduct an **informational interview** with your family!

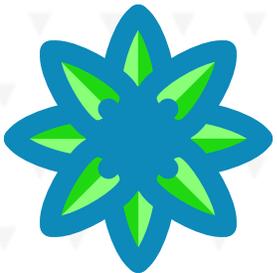
Ask them these questions:

1. **Name of person you're interviewing:**
2. **What is your job?**
3. **What type of education do you need for your job?**
4. **What do you like and dislike about your job?**  
Like:  
Dislike
5. **What advice would you give someone looking for a job?**



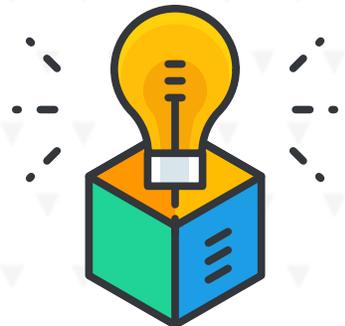
# What skills do I need?

**Activity #2:** Write your own **biography!** Describe yourself, your personal and professional goals, and what you see yourself doing in 5, 10 and 30 years.



**Activity #3:** Make a **Vision Board** about who you want to become! Use materials from around your house! Check out this [example](#).

**Brainstorm your ideas here - write it out or even draw!**

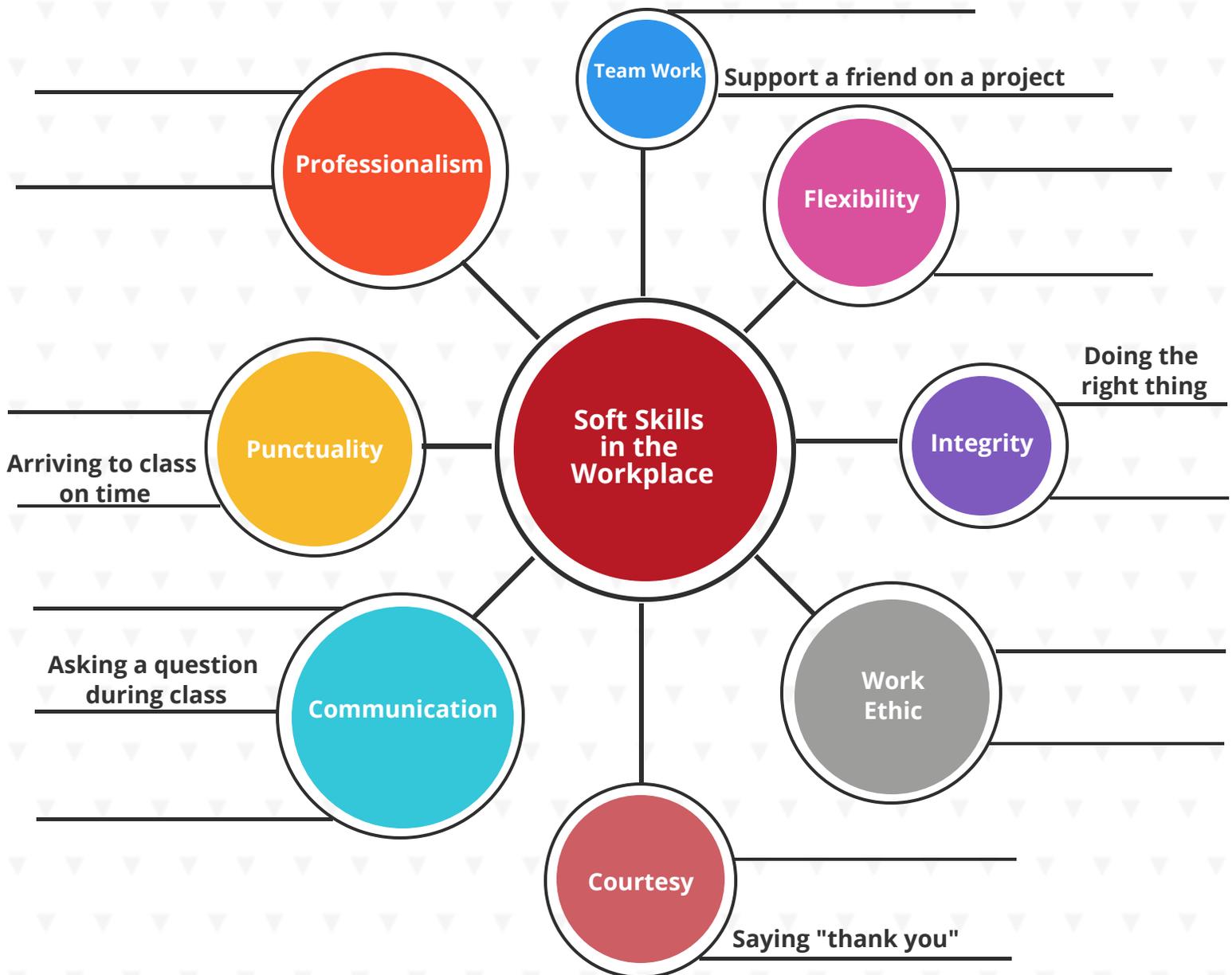


# What skills do I need?

You need **soft skills** for a job or in the classroom. Soft skills are **people skills**; it is how you interact with others! Here is a **video** about self-confidence, which is another great soft skill to have!

## Activity #4:

Use this chart below to learn about the soft skills that are required in the workplace. We have helped you identify some soft skills you already use in school, can you add any more?





# Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed this workbook!



If you email a completed PDF of this workbook to Texas Workforce Commission at **[careerinformation@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:careerinformation@twc.state.tx.us)** along with your full name, school district and campus, grade, and social media account, we will give you a shout out on social media!

If you have a family member or friend who is job searching right now due to the coronavirus, the Texas Workforce Commission has many useful resources available. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates. This workbook and job search resources can be found on our website: [www.lmci.state.tx.us](http://www.lmci.state.tx.us)

