

Career Center for Middle School

Planning Your Career

"What? I have to start now?!?" The answer is **yes** and **no**. You don't have to decide now where you want to work and what you want to do, but now is the time to start exploring your interests.

If you think you might want to go to college, there are some classes you need to start taking as early as the ninth grade. Ask a teacher or your guidance counselor about career planning. Even the most general plans tend to pay off.

One thing is certain; it is not too early to start learning about yourself. The more you know about yourself, the easier it will be later to decide on a career. One way to do that here at GAcollege411 is to discover your interests by using the tools and information in the different sections of the Career Center.

At the Career Center, start their quest using its tools:

- **Search**
[Career Matching Assistant](#)
- **Check Out**
[Links to Career Resources](#)
- **Explore**
[List of Careers](#)

For High school students:

GAcollege411 is a mentor system. A mentor system is an online resource to help students and their families select a college, apply for admission, and plan to finance higher education.

The mission of GAcollege411 is to: 1) increase access to postsecondary education in the state of Georgia and, 2) make the tasks and processes related to planning, applying, and paying for higher education simpler.

GAcollege411 offers access to information about colleges, universities, and technical colleges in Georgia. The student is responsible for the standard application fee charges by the college or university when submitting an application for admission, but otherwise, the GAcollege411 mentor system is provided free of charge.