Utilizing Missouri Connections

What can Missouri Connections do for me?
Determining your future is a life-long journey that requires many decisions along the way. Multiple opportunities await, so prepare yourself for any option. The decisions are yours!

Use Missouri Connections to help you answer these questions:

**Who am I?**
- Better understand yourself.
- Explore your interests.
- Discover your talents.
- Learn about high demand jobs in careers that interest you.
- Identify programs of study that interest you and schools that offer them.

**Where am I headed?**
- Make the connection between school, learning, and your future in the workforce.
- Get a reality check. Find out which occupations will support your desired lifestyle.
- Understand employment skills.

**How do I get there?**
- Investigate education and career options so you can create a career plan that is right for you.
- Explore training and education opportunities; find options to finance your future education.
- Develop a plan.

What are my next steps?

**Step 1**

**Request a Missouri Connections login.**
- Check with your school counselor and see if your school has a Missouri Connections site. Ask for a Missouri Connections username and password so you can create a portfolio to save information.
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Step 2

Create a portfolio.
• You’ll have quick access to your assessment results, college and scholarship lists and all of the other career information you’ve found.
• It will stay with you through high school, postsecondary education and into the workforce.
• You can draft a career plan and update it year after year.
• Calendars of future coursework, school applications and other career activities will help you progress toward your goals.
• You’ll be able to access the information you’ll need to put on a resume and use CIS’s (Career Information System) quick and customizable resume writer.

Step 3

Develop a career plan.
• Exploring all the options that interest you will lead you to the career plan that works for you. We all need good information to make good decisions. Your career plan is your personal plan of action and a record of your successes.
• Plan and record all of your middle/junior high school and high school classes, activities and work experience so you are ready for the future you seek after high school and beyond.
• Create an action plan to achieve the education and skills needed to reach your personal and career goals.
• Update your personalized path to the future of your choice.

Missouri Connections Components

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