



# POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

## A SELF INVENTORY TO HELP YOUTH THINK ABOUT POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

### Your favorite subjects

List your favorite subjects in school.	Why do you like the subject? Be as specific as possible.

### Subjects you dislike

List the subjects in school you do not like.	Why do you dislike the subject? Be as specific as possible.

### Your hobbies or things you like to do when you are not in school

List your hobbies.	Why do you like it? Be as specific as possible.

**Make a list that completes the following statement: "I'm really good at..."**

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**Make a list that completes the following statement: "I could be better at..."**

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**How do you prefer to work? (Check one)**

- ALONE**
- IN A GROUP**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Would you prefer to work in a big organization or a small one? (Check one)**

- BIG COMPANY**
- SMALL COMPANY**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you prefer to be the leader or the follower when you are with your friends or when you work in groups? (Check one)**

- THE LEADER**
- THE FOLLOWER**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Would you prefer a job where you would make a lot of money or one where you would be happy? (Check one)**

- MAKE A LOT OF MONEY**
- BE HAPPY**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you like being the person who helps out behind the scenes or do you prefer being the person who is out front getting the attention? (Check one)**

- BEHIND THE SCENES**
- OUT FRONT GETTING ATTENTION**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Would you rather create something artistic with your hands or work to get the answer to a complex math problem? (Check one)**

- CREATE SOMETHING ARTISTIC**
- SOLVE A COMPLEX MATH PROBLEM**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Would you rather read a good book or meet a new person? (Check one)**

- A GOOD BOOK**
- MEET A NEW PERSON**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Would you prefer to work with people, numbers, or things? (Check one)**

- PEOPLE**
- NUMBERS**
- THINGS**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you find it more enjoyable to complete a project you did by yourself or in a team? (Check one)**

- COMPLETE A PROJECT YOU DID BY YOURSELF**
- COMPLETE A PROJECT IN A TEAM**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you better at writing or math? (Check one)**

- WRITING**
- MATH**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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**What do you do when there are conflicts or disagreements? (Check one)**

- STEP IN THE MIDDLE AND PROPOSE A SOLUTION**
- SHY AWAY AND HOPE THINGS WILL TURN OUT**

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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**How do you respond to pressure? (Check one)**

- I'M EXCITED BECAUSE I LIKE THE CHALLENGE AND PRESSURE
- I FEEL LOTS OF ANXIETY BECAUSE I DO NOT LIKE THE PRESSURE

Why? (Be as specific as possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**How do you feel about school and studying? (Provide a response for each statement. Be as specific as possible)**

Finish this statement: "I think school is..." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Personalize and complete this statement: "I do/or do not enjoy studying because..." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name two individuals who you think have great jobs or who you think of as your heroes. Why? (Be as specific as possible)**

Person #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Person #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What do others say about you? (Complete the statements. Be as specific as possible)**

My friends and family say I should be a ...I *agree* because..." \_\_\_\_\_

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My friends and family say I should be a ...I *disagree* because..." \_\_\_\_\_

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Think about what you want to be and why. Be realistic about choosing a career. Use your self-inventory to choose a career based on who you are *and* what you do or do not like! You may need to do a little research about possible career paths and the traits of individuals in specific jobs before you can complete the following statement. Go to [www.michigan.gov/careers](http://www.michigan.gov/careers), and click on "Career Exploration" under "Students and Parents." Use the alphabetical listing to find out information about a particular career path and the traits/preferences/interests of individuals who pursue that career.

I am interested in being a \_\_\_\_\_ (career choice) because (the traits, preferences, and interests you have that will help you succeed in this area) \_\_\_\_\_

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