



Conewago Valley School District Counselors' Corner

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Career Education and Work Standards

In addition to the academic standards found in Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies, the state of Pennsylvania has a set of academic standards for Career Education and Work. These standards cover four areas of interest: Career Awareness and Preparation, Career Acquisition (Getting a Job), Career Retention and Advancement, and Entrepreneurship. Because Pennsylvania's economic future depends on having well-educated and skilled workers, these standards are instrumental to your child's education at Conewago Valley. Our goal as a School Counseling Department is to have every child graduate with a solid foundation in Career Education and Work that can open the doors to a successful future in our community.

Evidence of the Standards

The School Counseling Department is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring the Career Education and Work standards are met. Each year, the department provides the state with a 339 Plan to show how and when each standard is to be met. Copies of these plans can be found on the district's website (under Advisory Council Link--School Counseling Plan).

Starting last year, the state of Pennsylvania has required school all school districts to collect and store two pieces of evidence of the standards completion in grades 3-11. These items range from Career Brochures (completed in 4th grade) to Interest Surveys (completed in 8th) and a Career Shadowing reflection (completed in High School). The pieces of evidence are often generated by the students in response to career based activities and lessons (e.g. Career Days, JA Biztown, Future Forward Conference, and Graduation Projects).

When considering entrance into the world of work, students are encouraged to review this collection of documents with their School Counselors as part of the decision making process regarding the "next step" after High School graduation. The folders housing these pieces of evidence may be reviewed by parents/guardians at any time. Please contact your child's School Counselor should you wish to review your child's career exploration.

Additional Resources:

For more information about Career Education and Work standards, please visit the states website
www.stateboard.education.pa.gov/
www.jacpa.org

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