



There's a Path For You!

Follow the SODA Steps to Career Success



Self Awareness:

Understanding yourself based on interest, abilities, values and achievement test results. Ask questions like:

- ⇒ Who are you? What do you love to do?
- ⇒ What excites you? What is boring to you?
- ⇒ What are your favorite classes? Why?
- ⇒ Do you feel like you have a special purpose in life? What is it?
- ⇒ What makes you feel unique?



Option Awareness:

Understanding and realizing all the career, education, employment and training opportunities from which to choose. Ask questions like:

- ⇒ What careers have you already explored?
- ⇒ What are other career areas (related or unrelated) to what you have already explored?
- ⇒ What education/training options are available to you?
- ⇒ What kind of training and education are you willing to pursue?



Decision Making:

Determine the match between yourself and your opportunities. What is the **best fit** for you? Ask questions like:

- ⇒ When you predict where you want to be after high school, what are you doing?
- ⇒ What steps do you need to take to get there? What kind of education/training do you need?
- ⇒ How are you making money to support yourself - - - housing, food, entertainment, etc.?
- ⇒ Which courses should you take to help you gain the proper skills, knowledge and training?
- ⇒ What kind of experiences will help you grow closer to your goals?



Action/Planning:

Identify and record the steps toward your goal on your Educational Development Plan (EDP). Ask questions like:

- ⇒ Have you created, reviewed and or updated your EDP?
- ⇒ Is your EDP still accurate?
- ⇒ What are your favorite classes? Why?
- ⇒ From new learning and experiences this year, what do you need to change on your EDP?

