

Below are learning activity ideas to further enhance students' Money Path experience.

Forward Focus

Objective: Provide a roadmap for achieving your post-secondary plan.

Activity: Choose the path in which you feel most confident. Explain what gives you the confidence for this path and make a list of the next three to five actions you will take to get closer to making your path a reality, e.g., connect with your school counselor, do a job shadow, secure a summer internship, create a resume and practice interviewing skills, research and apply for scholarships, and open up a savings account. Include a timeline for completing each action.

Impact: Builds decision-making skills, strengthens goal-setting abilities.

Career & Lifestyle Deep Dive

Objective: Connect career goals to real-world decisions.

Activity: Select one of your paths and research: Typical day-to-day responsibilities, advancement opportunities, timelines, and regional salary differences. Then compare and build a new path with the adjustments for location, inflation, and possible career growth.

Impact: Encourages realistic career planning and adaptability.

My "Future Me" Financial Letter

Objective: Create a personal vision and accountability plan.

Activity: Write a letter to your future self (5-10 years from now) describing your career, financial status, lifestyle, and steps to get there, including any challenges you've overcome or difficult decisions made. Letters can be sealed and returned upon graduation or emailed to yourself via a free "future letter" service.

Impact: Personalizes long-term planning and reinforces goal-setting.

Money Path Peer Review

Objective: Develop communication, collaboration, and self-awareness skills.

Activity: Work with a partner to review each other's three Money Paths. Before meeting with your partner, complete a Strengths and Weaknesses Matrix for your own paths, similar to the one below, identifying what you perceive as the strongest and weakest elements of each (such as affordability, work-life balance, lifestyle fit, or long-term opportunity)

Then, during your partner discussion, share your matrices and provide additional insights, highlighting factors your partner may not have noticed or offering alternative perspectives.

Impact: Encourages constructive feedback and perspective-taking.

Sample Strengths & Weaknesses Matrix

| Pathway | Perceived Strengths | Perceived Weaknesses | Peer Observations |
|---|--|--|---|
| Path 1: Nursing(Technical College + RN Program) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High demand and stability - Strong alignment with helping values - Affordable education cost | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long shifts may affect work-life balance - Relocation might be required for advancement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer noted opportunity for career growth through BSN completion - Suggested comparing the pay scale regionally |
| Path 2: Business Management (4-year college) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad career options - Strong salary potential | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High student loan debt - Competitive job market | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer suggested internship planning to strengthen job prospects |
| Path 3: Apprenticeship (Electrician) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earn while learning - Hands-on career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physically demanding - Limited career flexibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer suggested exploring business ownership or specialization later |