

**Unit #1 Title:** Finding My Place In The Community

**Grade Level:** 4

**Number of Lessons in Unit:** 2

**Time Required for each Lesson:** 20-30 minutes

**Best time of the year to implement this Unit:** Anytime

**Lesson Titles:**

Lesson #1: Where do I Fit?

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

*Where Do I Fit Activity Sheet*

*Career Path Mini Poster*

*Job Picture Activity Sheet* (Pictures of Community Workers)

Lesson #2: Information, Please!

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

For “hook”: map, travel books, hotel guide, etc.

*Career Path Mini Poster*

*Job Picture Activity Sheet*

*Job Research Activity Sheet* (A Job I am Interested in Finding Out More About...)

Computer or computer lab

Career exploration software, such as *Paws In Jobland* (Bridges.com), *Coin Climb* (www.coin3.com) or Career exploration books, such as *Children’s Dictionary of Occupations* (Hopke and Parramore, Meridian Education Corporation), **or** Local Speaker in the Community

**Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standard:**

R.L. 4.9, SL.4.1.c, S.L. 4.3, S.L. 4.4, W. 4.8, L.4.4c

**American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors:**

M 4, M 6

B-SS.1

**Unit Essential Questions:**

How does understanding one’s interests and strengths relate to career exploration?

Why is researching a career important in the career decision-making process?

**Unit Measurable Learning Objectives:**

The student will identify three personal and educational interests and strengths in common with those of a worker in the local community.

The student will identify and “sample” two school and community resources that are available for exploration of the six career paths.

The student will identify two contributions of five jobs in the community.

**Unit Instructional Strategies/Instructional Activities:**

- Direct (Demonstration, Guided & Shared-Reading, Listening, Viewing, Thinking)
- Indirect
- Experiential (Field Observation)
- Independent Study
- Interactive Instruction (Panels, Discussion)

**Unit Summative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

**Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals and objectives.**

**Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.**

Students will complete the *Where Do I Fit? Inventory Activity Sheet*. Individual results will be used to compare personal preferences to the six career paths and match preferences to possible careers.

Students will use career software and other career exploration resources to discover opportunities in a variety of occupations.

**Brief Summary of Unit:**

This unit is designed to help students understand that there are many occupations in which personal preferences can be a part of their future work. Students will complete a checklist that identifies their preferences for working conditions. This checklist will be used as an exploration guide throughout the current year and saved for comparison/assessment next year. Students will be introduced to various career explorations of electronic and print resources, software, Web Quests and bibliographic resources.

**What prior knowledge do students need (e.g. the steps to solving a problem) to be successful in this unit?**

Students require some knowledge of their individual career interests.

Age appropriate computer literacy

Vocabulary: career paths, preferences