



# need directions?

Now that you've started thinking about careers, what do you do next?



# Interest career survey

Check off the activities that interest you in each of the boxes. Add each column.

Total your answers to discover which career clusters you may want to explore.

Source: Career Wonders 2011, SD Dept. of Labor and Regulation

<input type="checkbox"/> Taking care of pets in your neighborhood	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Transplanting small trees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planting and taking care of flowers and plants	
<input type="checkbox"/> Working in a garden and creating landscapes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing sick animals back to health	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brushing or grooming dogs, cats, and/or horses	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking and watching wildlife	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting wood and replanting trees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Identifying environmental hazards and sick/dying plants	
<b>Total checks</b> _____	

<input type="checkbox"/> Repairing small appliances	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Painting houses or buildings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using tools to make household repairs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting and shaping wood to build structures	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing floor plans	
<input type="checkbox"/> Building simple circuit boards	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laying brick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping and planting flower gardens	
<b>Total checks</b> _____	

<input type="checkbox"/> Performing (music, drama, dance) for an audience	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Creating graphic designs on a computer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Creating an original video or film	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sketching or painting pictures	
<input type="checkbox"/> Taking photographs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing poems, stories or plays	
<input type="checkbox"/> Making jewelry, sculpture, stained glass	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designing a newspaper layout (artwork)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Being an announcer for an amateur radio station	
<b>Total checks</b> _____	

<input type="checkbox"/> Using a cash register	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Typing minutes of a school club meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Filing or sorting mail or other papers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Running your own business	
<input type="checkbox"/> Developing web pages and creating print layouts using desktop publishing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Managing tasks for a group	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing reports and analyzing data	
<input type="checkbox"/> Typing documents	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering to answer	
<b>Total checks</b> _____	

- Working as a kids' camp volunteer
- Tutoring young children
- Reading to elementary school students
- Giving instructions for/or directing a play
- Baby-sitting young children
- Organizing and shelving library books
- Peer counseling or mediation
- Helping at Special Olympics events
- Teaching young children in an after-school program

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Planning a mock stock market game
- Investing money and studying investments
- Balancing a checkbook
- Opening a savings/checking account
- Being a treasurer for a school club
- Organizing a fund-raiser
- Collecting money for a school or community event
- Developing a budget
- Using spreadsheets and financial computer programs

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Campaigning for a political candidate
- Making political speeches
- Volunteering as an urban planning committee member
- Running for class office
- Planning and preparing budgets
- Participating in a debate
- Volunteering as a legislative helper
- Learning and speaking a foreign language
- Researching and writing grants

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Taking care of a sick relative
- Watching doctor/hospital show on TV
- Learning first aid and CPR
- Volunteering at a retirement home
- Volunteering as a hospital helper
- Using a stethoscope to listen to someone's heart
- Identifying human body parts from a diagram
- Bandaging sports injuries with a trainer's help
- Assisting persons in wheelchairs with daily tasks

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Working in a restaurant
- Planning vacations and other events
- Cooking, baking and serving meals
- Participating in sports or recreational activities
- Being a lifeguard
- Catering an event
- Working at a concession stand
- Exercising and working out
- Officiating a sporting event

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Making a family menu
- Working with the elderly
- Working at a shelter
- Shopping, comparing prices & consumer goods
- Listening & helping friends with problems
- Participating in youth groups or community groups
- Working as a dietetic aid
- Volunteering at a retirement home
- Volunteering to be a Big Brother/Big Sister

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Developing software programs
- Building computers
- Playing video games
- Surfing the Internet
- Learning how to configure operating systems
- Installing software
- Learning how to assemble computer hardware
- Playing with electronic gadgets
- Designing video games

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Reading mystery novels
- Listening to a police scanner
- Watching mystery movies or courtroom dramas
- Playing "Clue" or other mystery board games
- Volunteering in a lawyer's office
- Following court cases in the news
- Participating in EMT training
- Volunteering to search for missing pets or persons
- Participating in search and/or rescue training

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Welding or working with metals
- Repairing and upholstering furniture
- Creating wood carvings
- Taking machine shop classes
- Making belts or other leather goods
- Operating a printing press
- Installing and repairing home electronics
- Sewing, weaving, knitting or other needlework
- Building cabinets, shelves and other simple woodworking

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Cutting & styling hair
- Selling products for a school fund-raiser
- Taking tours of new houses for sale
- Designing or modeling clothes
- Giving people advice on products they should buy
- Decorating your house and rearranging your furniture
- Planning and having a yard sale
- Arranging and selling flowers
- Fixing watches and clocks

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Visiting science museums
- Designing experiments
- Exploring caves and collecting rocks
- Watching the weather and tracking storms
- Using a computer to solve math problems and equations
- Identifying plants, animals and/or marine life
- Developing solutions to environmental problems
- Building model aircraft/boats/trains
- Learning about different cultures

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

- Flying airplanes
- Repairing vehicles, bikes and engines
- Working in a warehouse or taking inventory
- Operating motorized machines or equipment
- Visiting space camps
- Building and repairing boats
- Operating a CB or ham radio
- Reading mechanical and automotive magazines/blogs
- Having a paper route

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**Total checks** \_\_\_\_\_

Count the check marks in each section and place the total in the corresponding box below

# TOTALS

1. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources _____	2. Architecture & Construction _____	3. Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications _____	4. Business Management & Administration _____
5. Education & Training _____	6. Finance _____	7. Government & Public Administration _____	8. Health Science _____
9. Hospitality & Tourism _____	10. Human Services _____	11. Information Technology _____	12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security _____
13. Manufacturing _____	14. Marketing _____	15. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____	16. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics _____

My **top three** Interest Areas:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

As you can see, the interest survey is divided into 16 groups. Each group is a **career cluster**. Career clusters place similar occupations in groups. These clusters help you narrow the thousands of career options in the world to a general area of interest. The clusters connect what you learn in school to the skills and knowledge you need beyond high school. Some careers are placed in more than one cluster.