

# ROADS to SUCCESS

## Grade 7

## Careers

### Family Newsletter

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**Roads to Success is a new program designed to help middle and high school students prepare for their futures. This newsletter will keep you posted on what we're doing in school, and how families can follow through at home.**

### Did you know?

**In the 1950s, only two out of five U.S. jobs required special skills.**

**By the 1990s, four out of five jobs required skilled or professional workers!**

Rock star or pro athlete? Doctor? Teacher?

Teens may see themselves with few career choices, or so many choices it's hard to know which path to pick. Their plans may change from year to year, or even day to day.

Young people often base their career goals on jobs they can see. They may seek high-profile jobs celebrated in the media or jobs held by people they know and admire.

What does it take to get these jobs? How much education is needed? What will the job prospects be after graduation? *What else is out there?*

To answer all these questions and more,

students can sign on to RUReadyND.com.



It's a great website that connects students with all kinds of exciting careers.

Just create an account and you will be able to sign in using an account name and password that you create for yourself. Within a few clicks, students will be able to access career assessments that provide career suggestions based on the student's interests and skills.

### Step 1

Answer questions about what they like to do: Work outside? Create art? Lead people? Organize information?

### Step 2

Click on career possibilities selected just for them, from hairstylist to helicopter pilot, website designer to welder.

Check out a list of recommended high school subjects, as well as programs and majors that will help students get where they want to go.

### Grade by Grade

What's a degree worth?

That's just one of the questions we hope to help students answer, starting in Grade 7.

Over a lifetime, high school grads make at least \$200,000 more than kids who drop out without a degree. Going to college provides even bigger lifetime earnings.

And that's not all. A good education gives students more career choices.

In Roads to Success, students will explore some of their career options at the seventh-grade career fair. Each student will study one career in detail. What does someone with this job do every day? What is the workplace like?

How much education is needed? Once students have become experts in their chosen careers, they'll present their research to the other students in their grade.