

PLAN Score Report – Your Career Possibilities

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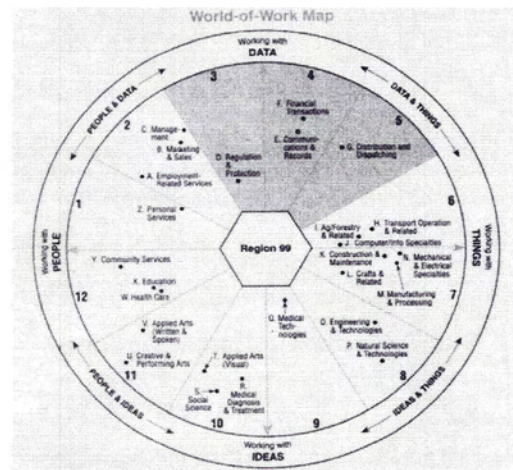
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It is not too soon to begin exploring possible careers. With thousands of occupations in the work world, where do you begin? Your PLAN Score Report helps you start by focusing on a few Career Areas (groups of similar occupations). Take a look at Steps 1, 2, and 3 under *Your Career Possibilities* on your Score Report.

Step 1: The World-of-Work Map

Exploring careers is easier if you have a good map. The World-of-Work Map can give you a sense of direction. The Map shows how Career Areas differ in their involvement with four basic work tasks:

- People:** People you help, serve, care for, or sell things to.
- Data:** Facts, numbers, files, business procedures
- Things:** Machine, tools, living things, and materials such as food, wood, or metal.
- Ideas:** Knowledge, insights, and new way of expressing something (with words, equations, music, etc.)



These four work tasks are the four "compass points" of the Map. For example, occupations in Career Area C (Management) mostly involve working with people and data, so it is located in the upper left part of the Map, as are other Career Areas involving people and data. On the other side of the Map, Career Area P (Natural Science & Technologies) mostly involves working with ideas and things.

Step 2: Your Results

Take a look at your World-of-Work Map. Seeing the similarities and differences between Career Areas can help you think about where to start exploring. But the Map does more. When you completed PLAN you were asked to:

- Choose a Career Area having jobs you might like
- Complete an interest inventory

The World-of-Work Map includes the Career Area you told us you like best, and highlights Career Areas related to your interests. These Career Areas have occupations where people do the kinds of work tasks you told us you enjoy – so they are good places to start exploring careers! Talk to your counselor, teacher, or parents if you have questions.

Step 3: Exploring Career Options

This is a good time to look at all of the Career Areas and pick at least two to explore now. You can explore others later. Find out more about occupations in these Career Areas. Occupational information such as descriptions, salary growth, entry requirements, and related occupations is available at www.planstudent.org

Please refer to your Score Report and the PLAN website for additional information