



# CAREER PATHWAYS

**COMMON FOCUS**

**REAL-WORLD RELEVANCE**

**SEAMLESS TRANSITION**

## Improved Student Achievement

### **CAREER PATHWAYS PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR COMMON FOCUS AND LINKAGES FOR K-16 EDUCATION.**

- A systematic approach to career development that extends from kindergarten to life-long learning and involves career awareness, exploration and preparation.
- A major impetus for education reform, helping change education K-16 and how students plan their future.
- A framework in which learning communities can be organized.
- A focus for integrating academic and occupational learning so that knowledge and applicability are reinforced.
- The Career Pathways framework can be applied to all levels of education allowing educators and students to view education as a continuum.

### **CAREER PATHWAYS PROMOTE REAL-WORLD RELEVANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN ALL K-16 CLASSROOMS.**

- Integrated instruction and assessments that teach concepts in real-world settings.
- Guides students through the exploration of careers requiring different levels of education and training but grouped together because the people in them share similar interests, talents, and abilities.
- Exploring Career Pathways provides students with focus for making course selections and career decisions.
- Moves from broad-based exploration and preparation so that students are prepared for a rapidly changing society and business world.
- Emphasizes flexibility so individuals have a field of skills and an educational foundation that will enable them to adapt rapidly to occupational and societal changes.

### **CAREER PATHWAYS ENSURE SEAMLESS TRANSITION THROUGH ALL LEVELS OF THE K-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

- Builds a coherent sequence of courses and focus that prepares students for a first job or for additional education or training.
- Establishes strong linkages among elementary, secondary, and postsecondary institutions and businesses. The business partnership ensures that classroom learning is relevant and that students receive a solid foundation in academic and occupational skills.
- Business and industry validated skill standards provide a foundation for Career Pathways. Standards-based curriculum imbedded within the Pathways facilitates a smooth transition between institutional and occupational opportunities.
- Aligns assessment across all levels of education through the use of state-wide business and industry validated skill standards.

