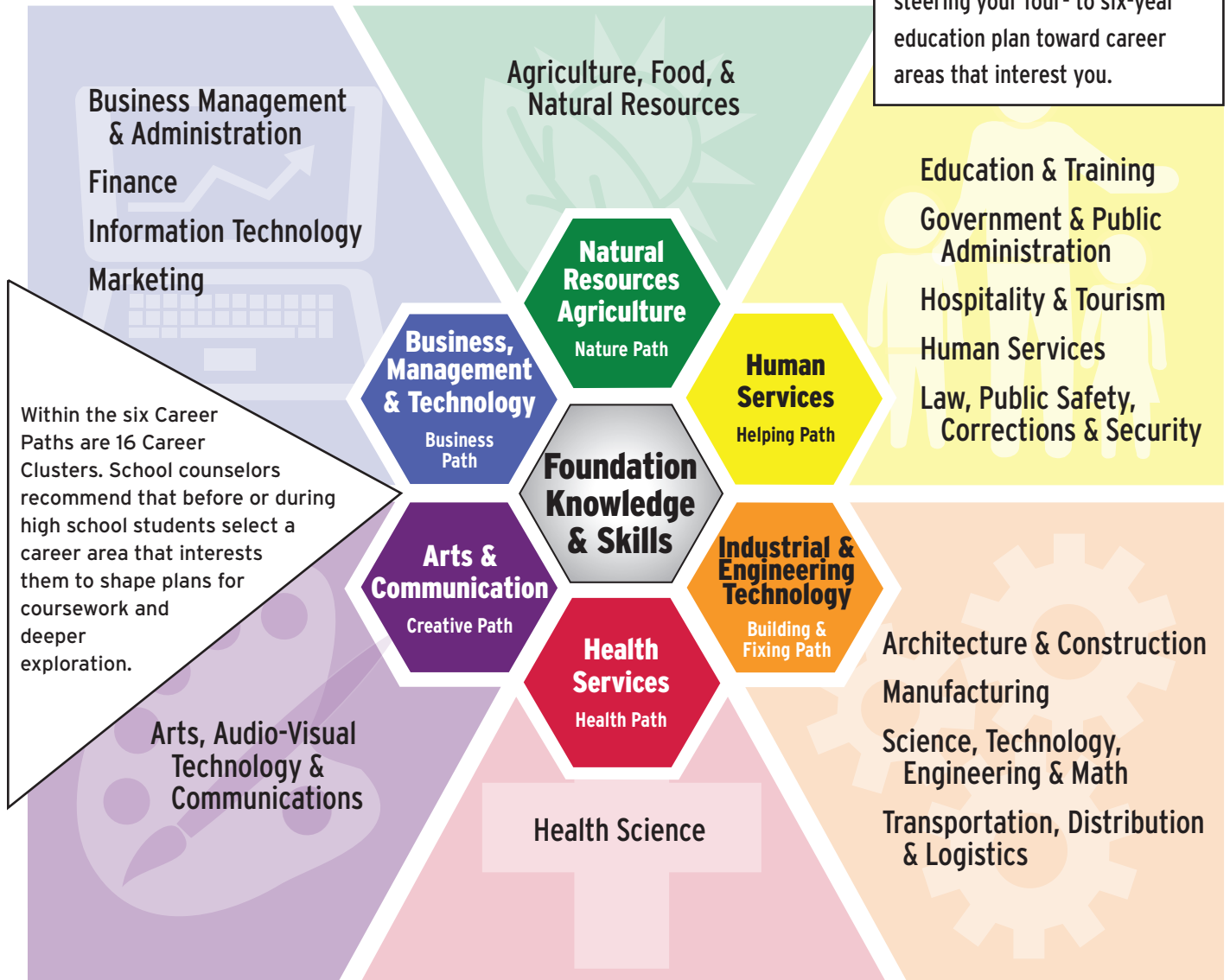


Introducing the Six Career Paths and 16 Career Clusters

A framework to help students explore their interests, target career areas and plan their future.

Life, it's all about you: your personality, your needs, your abilities, and your interests. Make the most of your education and extra-curricular experiences by steering your four- to six-year education plan toward career areas that interest you.



Some Things to consider:

- What are your goals?
- What would be your dream job?
- What are your hobbies, activities and interests?
- What are your most valuable skills?
- What are your responsibilities?
- Which Career Path or Career Cluster are you most interested in?
- Which school projects are you most proud of?
- Which colleges or educational programs interest you?
- What community service or work experiences have you had?
- Have you had any job shadowing experiences?
- Are you taking the right classes to graduate and to pursue your goals?

FIRST STEP: Identifying your interests

Missouri students in grades 7-16 may contact their school counselor's office for the "batch codes" to take free interest, skills and work values assessment quizzes. For more information, visit:

This is one of a seven-part career series brought to you by this newspaper, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Press Association.

This series will explore each of the six Career Paths – information about each Career Cluster, occupations, education and skills you need, salary ranges and more!