

## Course Syllabus

Teacher: John Harris  
Class: Introduction to Careers  
Duration: 1<sup>st</sup> semester only

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### Course Description

The course introduces the students to the world of work. The course helps students understand who they are through a series of personality tests and then introduces connections to occupations related to various personality types. Finally, the course prepares students for entry into the world of work.

### Materials Needed

Textbook: none  
Other Materials: folder to keep assignments (left in classroom), pencil or pen

### Academic and Behavioral Expectations

The class period is approximately 45 minutes long. There will be several guided and independent activities that will take place in that time. It is expected that the student work within Wahoo Middle School's academic and behavioral expectations. (see below) All homework assigned will be due at the beginning of class unless otherwise noted. Quizzes and tests will be announced in advance and need to be completed the day that they are assigned.

#### ***Wahoo Middle School Academic Expectations***

- *Be on time and prepared for learning*
- *Complete assigned tasks on time*
- *Strive for academic success*
- *Use work time productively*
- *Respect people and property*
- *Respond appropriately to staff directives*

### Grading

All assignments will be graded on a 100-point scale. There will be a limited number of 100-point quizzes or tests.

### Additional Information

If a student misses class, the responsibility of getting the notes, activity sheets and assignments is that of the student. Extra copies of activity sheets can be found on the back counter in the Careers folder.

The student can ask questions or seek additional help outside of class in several ways. The teacher is available before school, during study hall, during lunch, during 8<sup>th</sup> period and after school. In addition, the student can call the teacher at home in the evening if needed.

Students will become active on the Nebraska Career Connections database, <http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org>. This database, used throughout 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school, provides educational and career planning resources that bring together Nebraskans – students, parents, educators, adults, and employers.

### Calendar of assignments (subject to change)

There will be...

- Several personality tests
- 1 occupation research paper
- 1 Stress/Depression/Suicide brochure project
- 3 or 4 job applications
- 1 cost of living graph
- Mock job interviews