

WAYS TO USE THIS WEBSITE

Enhance student learning by:

Using this website as:

- an individual, class, or small group class activity by having students complete the Game Card for extra credit, an assignment, or class project
- a Bridges Academy career experience requirement (*Bridges teachers only*)
- a class lesson in student-teacher advisory time
- an AVID classroom activity (individual or team assignments)

Include in your PLC Meetings—

strategize with your colleagues to promote website career-related classroom activities at your school

NOTE: Activities used on this website may be included in student's Individualized Learning Plan or portfolio.

Evaluate student learning by:

• **Students turn Game Card in as a class assignment** or extra credit to earn class points

• **Students share the information they explored:** (i.e., Pair/Share, small/large group discussions; assess students' participation in discussion)

• **Students prepare projects showing their career preferences** (i.e., anchor charts, multi-media presentations, posters, etc.)

Hold preparatory student discussions, such as:

- the type of lifestyle their career choices might provide
- the effect that post-secondary education can have on employment and salary
- your own experiences in the job market and your career planning process
- the importance of career management as a life-long process

Post website/follow-up:

- Invite guest speakers to talk about their career journeys and the importance of goal setting (BridgesConnection.org/Speakers)
- Invite employers, or workforce professionals to your class to discuss the world of work, the importance of career management, and employer expectations.

• **Quiz students on the "world of work" realities** they explored

• Have students identify the career knowledge and awareness they have gained by **writing a summary of their experience**

• **Assess student's soft skills and other work skills** they discovered—create a class list & discuss

Visit BridgesConnection.org/Educators for additional ideas!



Bridges Career Academies Instructors and Counselors — utilize TheGameofCareers.com with your students and earn 4 SEEDS! Simply complete the online form — BridgesConnection.org/GreenApple.

The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

If you earn 10 seeds in one school year, you'll receive \$100 and 1 CEU credit.

Seed tracking closes in June, so engage your students with this new career exploration experience and earn your SEEDS!

the GAME of CAREERS



Region 5's newest career exploration experience especially for high schoolers!

This March, help your students play!

Visit BridgesConnection.org/GameofCareers to watch a short video explaining this new career exploration website. Then, attend a zoom session to ask questions and learn more!

Tues., Feb 23
3:30 pm

Wed., Feb 24
7:30 am

Thurs., Feb 25
3:30 pm

Find zoom meeting links at
BridgesConnection.org/GameofCareers

GAME LOGIN: >>



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A Virtual Career Exploration Experience

Created by the Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection



GAME RULES

Help teach your students how to navigate this career exploration experience website.

1. Students should log in via their unique **username** and **password**.

- Click "Game Login" on home page to be taken to a page with rules. Login area is on the TOP RIGHT part of this page.
- Every student has their own login. It is the student's first and last name with no spaces in between. (*Some names will also have initials.*) Logins ensure a safe & secure environment and allow activities to be tracked.
- **Your entire school has the SAME password.** (*This will be shared in late February.*)
- Students should use their own login since points are earned as they explore the site. If a student uses someone else's login, they won't get credit for any of the activities they do.



2. Show students how to use the **the GAME of CAREERS Game Card**

to guide their exploration process.

- Encourage students to complete the game card (PDF).
- You may opt to require students to turn in their completed game card.
- The game card does not impact the points students earn. It's just a tool to help students dig deeper into the website.

Sample Career	Career #1	Career #2	Career #3	Career #4	Career #5
Career Title					
Video Watched	Bridges Intro to Construction				
Median Wage	\$24.49/hr				
2 Skills Needed	Listening, reading				
Education Needed	HS or Assoc				
Career Skills Activity					
Simulation/Game	Building codes lab				
360° photo					
Career Title					
Video Watched					
Median Wage					
2 Skills Needed					
Education Needed					
Career Skills Activity					
Simulation/Game					
360° photo					

3. The **Career Board** is the "home base" of the game.

- From the **Career Board** map, students can explore many industries.
- Simply click on the name of an industry or it's building.

A **Career Help** page offers useful tools to help students identify their knowledge, skills and interests.



4. Every industry page features a variety of careers.

- Click on a "flipping" career card to learn more about that career.
- **Career pages** feature relevant career information and videos, as well as **career skills activities**, **360° photos**, and the opportunity to submit questions in the **Ask a Professional** forum.

Career Skills Activity

- All activities are browser-based, so students won't need to download anything or have any special software. They can explore online lab simulations, interactive skills games and more.



- **360° photos** explore the interiors of regional businesses, complete with video and photo highlights, to share more about their machines or job opportunities.

FYI for Educators: Points, Badges & More!

- Only students will be eligible for the prize drawings, but since you also "log in," you will "earn" digital Career Badges.
- **After** March 26, all points will be reset to zero, but activity tracking will continue.
- Bridges hopes to offer monthly, **industry-specific promotions** during the 2021-22 school year, so points will be cleared out prior to any themed activity. More information about these activities will be shared in our back-to-school communications.

Ask A Professional

- Students can engage directly with regional professionals by submitting questions and getting direct responses. Some professionals may also be scheduled to be online during the school day. All questions will be answered within 24 hours, so encourage students to check back for an answer.

PROJECT GOAL

To promote regional career opportunities by leading and encouraging students to explore pathways that meet their skills, interests and abilities

AVAILABLE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For the past 13 years, the **Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection** has hosted the *Career Exploration Day*, an annual special event offering more than 2,500 high school students from 28 local school districts an unique way to meet business professionals and explore careers.

Due to Covid-19 crowd restrictions, Bridges is prevented from hosting this event in 2021.

Despite this, Bridges is offering students an opportunity to explore the hundreds of careers available to them and to better understand local career options.

Professionalism Expected

Just like attending the in-person event, it is a privilege for students to be afforded this opportunity. Any student NOT conducting themselves in an appropriate and professional manner will have their access to the website blocked and your school will be notified.

WIN PRIZES!

During the promotion period of **March 5 – March 26, 2021**, students will earn points for participating in the website's various Career Skills Activities. Points are accumulated based on different types of activities.

- Students will earn a digital "CAREER BADGE" for every 15 points they accumulate. The digital badges will appear on the top RIGHT side of a page.
- After 3 career badges are earned, students will be automatically entered into a random drawing for a \$10 gift card. (150 total cards will be given out) They will receive notification of this on screen.
- If a student earns 4 badges, they will be eligible to take a Career Exploration Survey. Students completing the online survey will be entered in a bonus random drawing for \$100 cash!



Prize winners will be drawn randomly on March 29, 2021. Odds of winning are dependent upon how many students become eligible. Only one entry per student is allowed. Prizes will be delivered to each winner's high school in early April and the high schools will distribute prizes to the students.