

## CAREER PATHWAYS

Career Pathways are careers that are grouped together because many of the people in them share similar interests and strengths. All pathways include a variety of occupations that require different levels of education and training. Selecting a Career Pathway provides a *focus* into which one can begin directing energies and determining a *tentative* career "fit" though it is always acceptable to change one's mind. By identifying with a pathway students are aided in selecting courses, extra-curricular activities and part-time employment. Career Pathways provide a plan for all students regardless of their interests, abilities, talents, or desired levels of education. *All pathways have equal dignity.* The following six (6) Career Pathways have been developed by the state of Michigan:

**Arts and Communications** - careers related to humanities and the performing, visual, literary and media arts.

**Business, Management, Marketing & Technology** - careers related to all aspects of business including accounting, business administration, finance, information processing and marketing.

**Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology** - careers related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install or maintain physical systems.

**Health Sciences** - careers related to the promotion of health as well as the treatment of injuries and disease.

**Human Services** - careers in child care, civil service, education, hospitality and the social services.

**Natural Resources and Agriscience** - careers related to natural resources, agriculture and the environment.



The accompanying **ART curriculum** falls within the **ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS Pathway**. Some personal characteristics\* of people in this pathway are that they:

- ◆ seek opportunities for self-expression;
- ◆ Exhibit an imaginative and creative thinker;
- ◆ demonstrate good writing skills; and
- ◆ Posses strong communication skills.

Examples of additional careers\* that fall under this **pathway** include:

Advertising Agent	Interior Designer	Actor/Actress
Broadcast Technician	Clergy	Author
Photographer	Audiovisual Technician	Technical Illustrator
Public Relations Specialist	Photo Process Worker	Bookbinder
Painter and Sculptor	Merchandise Displayer	Dancer
Musician and Composer	Religious Worker	Broadcast Technician
Set Decorator	Radio and Television Announcer	Archivist & Curator
Advertising Copywriter	Historian	Commercial Artist

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