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# PEAK EXPLORERS



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# WHO ARE PEAK EXPLORERS?

Southwestern Community College and local public schools are working together to provide a process, which will ultimately lead students to an informed decision about career and college pathways that can begin as early as 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be referred to as "EXPLORERS."

## EXPLORERS CAN EXPECT TO:

- Enhance their self-discovery and awareness by identifying personal values, strengths, and interests
- Have assignments inside of the classroom and activities outside of the classroom that will assist them in exploring and gaining knowledge about different career paths
- Have purposely designed career conversations throughout 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade with school personnel and SCC faculty/staff members

A Holland Code-based technology software called "Career Coach" will be provided for free to area middle and high schools as a viable platform for career assessment and exploration, along with support from Southwestern Community College personnel.

## RECOMMENDED GRADE LEVEL OF COMPLETION:

PEAK Explorer Activities	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Career Coach - 6 Question Assessment	√	√	√				
ROADSHOWS		√	√	√	√	√	
Career Coach - 60 Question Assessment				√	√	√	
College Fairs				√	√	√	√
Career and College Promise (CCP) Advising				√	√	√	√
Career Exploration Day					√	√	√
Big Interview						√	√
Job and Career Fairs						√	√
College and Career Decision Day							√
Related Class Activity	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

# PEAK EXPLORER ACTIVITIES

**Related class activity:** Career research activity which helps students explore career options with considering career path, time in school, job outlook, etc. and connecting it to their career coach results and Holland Code. This activity should also help students practice and enhance self-discovery and awareness by exploring internal values, strengths, and interests.

**Career Coach - 6 Question Assessment:** A quick assessment that connects students with career options, SCC programs and employment within a 100 mile radius.

**ROADSHOWS (CCP Programs Only):** A walk-through event that highlights Career and College Promise (CCP) pathways.

**Career Coach - 60 Question Assessment:** A detailed assessment that connects students with career options, SCC programs, and employment in a 100 mile radius.

**College Fairs:** Recruitment event at SCC where students speak with college representatives regarding admissions and program offerings at two/four year institutions in NC.

**Career and College Promise (CCP) Advising:** A one-on-one conversation between an SCC representative and CCP student designed to inform college course selection and review steps to earning a college credential.

**Career Exploration Day:** Annual event at SCC where students choose to explore three programs of study and receive detailed information on degree completion and career opportunities.

**Big Interview:** Online mock interview program where students can develop and practice interviewing skills for jobs, college and program admissions.

**Job and Career Fairs:** Events held during both semesters at SCC campuses where students engage with local employers and see what employment is in the area for seasonal, part-time and full-time work.

**College and Career Decision Day:** Students commit to life after high school by signing intention statements for higher education, entering the work-force or enlisting in the military.