

# Smart, Safe Schools

## Career Pathway; Elementary Framework

Grade	Theme/Focus	Career Preparation	Academic Skills and Knowledge	Core Curriculum Examples
PK-K	All About Me	Initiating career awareness; and begin developing vocabulary	Defining career, job, work, pathway, and practicing working in groups	Matching simple descriptions of work that people do with the names of those jobs; identifying rules, and/or responsibilities as a member of the class and family
1	The World Outside My Door	Introducing the concept of the world of work; practicing decision-making; and reviewing career vocabulary	Explaining the difference between goods and services, and describing how people are both buyers and sellers of goods and services	Explaining that people make choices because they cannot have everything they want. Recognizing that people save money for the future to purchase goods and services
2	My Community	Focusing on work as a life role or responsibility, being aware that many and varied career opportunities are open to everyone; and becoming aware of how work relates to the needs and functions of a community	Identifying careers in the community and distinguishing which work activities in the school environment are done by specific people	Defining "community" and explaining why communities were formed and how they have changed over time; charting the characteristics of a community that makes it unique; identifying institutions within the community as examples of cooperative economics and entrepreneurship; relating jobs to human resources; and identifying community leaders and describing their responsibility and authority
3	Americans—A United People	Understanding the value and importance of learning academics	Defining the process of being a good worker and the importance of adults and children working	Describing common patterns of interdependence and specialization; appreciating personal interests, strengths, and talents; and focusing on work as a life role and making a contribution to one's community
4	My State—Virginia	Appreciating personal interests, strengths, and talents; raising awareness of how work relates to the needs and functions of society, past and present	Identifying individual interests, likes, dislikes, and personal characteristics; exploring interests, strengths, and talents of people, past and present; and demonstrating the ability to appreciate and get along with others	Describing jobs in an urban, industrialized society—including transportation, communications and technology; and describing career opportunities related to the products and industries in Virginia's five geographic regions.
5	USA—Exploring Many Regions and Cultures	Valuing the contributions of workers in all career areas; and exploring Career Clusters	Identifying how personal activities and interests influence career choices, explaining why people chose certain careers and leisure activities, and identifying career clusters	Researching American inventors, scientists, politicians, artists, musicians, mathematicians, entrepreneurs who contributed to the country's growth and development; charting the contributions of various groups to the development of the United States; and recognizing and distinguishing instruments from various cultures.