

What does education and work have in common? Money!

11th Grade TAA Activity

Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework

Goal 11-1.2 – Choose and utilize sound processes of decision-making, recognizing them as key components of educational and career planning.

c. Apply the information-gathering process and use to make an informed decisions regarding postsecondary education

Goal 11-1.3 – Use accurate, current, and unbiased information from the local, state, and national levels during the career exploration and planning process

a. Evaluate information from credible sources to inform occupational, education and training, employment and economic decisions

Objectives:

- Student will apply income data to determine the relationship between levels of education and the world of work

Materials:

- Handout, “Why Continue Your Education”

Activity:

1. *Say:* Welcome to advisement. Good to see. Hope all is well with you. Anyone got any questions or issues? *Entertain questions but don't let questions monopolize the entire period. If student has a real issue, you may want to make the referral to the counselor.*
2. *Say:* I have said this before but I am going to say it one more time, “The more education and training a person has, the more potential income a person will have” Now I am going to prove it! *Distribute the handout.*
3. *Say:* We are going to divide into small groups to analyze the chart on your handout. Count off by numbers 1-5. Group yourselves by like numbers.
4. *Say:* List as many conclusions you can make from the information in the chart. *(Possible conclusions: People with an Associate's Degree will more likely make less than a person with a Bachelor's Degree; People with some education beyond high school will most likely make more money; People without a high school diploma will make less money than other people with more education; People with a Bachelor's Degree will earn over twice as much as person without a high school diploma annually; People with less than a high school diploma be more likely unemployed than a person with a high school diploma).*
5. *Say:* Now that you have analyzed the chart, I hope I have convinced to you to consider continuing your education beyond high school. Let's review where you can continue: 2-year schools, 4-year schools, technical colleges, and vocational schools, the military and registered apprenticeships. To learn more about Georgia's HOT Jobs go to the CAREER PLANNING tab on GACollege411. I am going to end this session the way I started. The more education and training you have, the more income potential you will have. Have a great day. If you need me, you know where to find me.

Why Continue Your Education?

How about ... to get a good job! Can't I get a good job now?

Yes, maybe you could, but statistics are against you. Check out the earnings and unemployment rates for people 25 years and older with different levels of education:

Unemployment rate in 2007	Level of education completed	Median earnings in 2007
7.1%	Less than a high school diploma	\$22,256
4.4%	High school graduate, no college	\$31,408
3.8%	Some college, no degree	\$35,516
3.0%	Associate degree	\$38,480
2.2%	Bachelor's degree	\$51,324
1.8%	Master's degree	\$60,580
1.4%	Doctoral degree	\$77,844
1.3%	Professional degree	\$74,204

Source:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, 2008.

Sometimes it's hard to stay in school if you think you need to be working to earn money. But if you finish high school and continue your education, you'll have a wider variety of jobs to choose from, and you'll earn more—especially in the long run.

But I don't know what career to go into!

If you're having trouble deciding what to do, go to GACollege411 to fill out an interest inventory. Based on your answers, the questionnaire will provide a list of careers that fit your interests. You can then use the college matching tool on the site to find schools offering courses of study appropriate to your career choice. If you need assistance, see your advisor or counselor, they can help! Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Doesn't postsecondary cost a lot of money?

Think of continued education as an investment: you spend money now to earn more later. AND there are ways to continue without lots of money!! GACollege411 can help you with the financial aid process. Go to the FINANCIAL PLANNING tab to get information.

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