

**Unit #1 Title:** Targeting Careers

**Grade Level:** 3

**Number of Lessons in Unit:** 4

**Time Required:** 20-30 minutes each

**Best time of year to implement this unit:** Anytime

**Lesson Titles:**

Lesson #1: My School Goal (Part 1)

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

*Step for Setting a Goal Student Activity Sheet*

*Step for Setting a Goal Teacher Goal Setting Mini Poster*

Board, flip chart, or other visual media

Pencil or chalk

Lesson #2: My School Goal (Part 2)

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

*My School Goal Weekly Goal Sheet*

*My Goal Sheet Student Mini Goal Sheet*

Board, flip chart, or other visual media

Pencil or chalk

Lesson #3: My School Goal (Part 3)

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

*My Goal Sheet Student Mini Goal Sheet*

*My School Goal Weekly Goal Sheet* from lesson 2

Board, flip chart, or other visual media

Pencil or chalk

Lesson #4: How Do They **DO** That?

Materials/Special Preparation Required:

*Job Picture Activity Sheet* (cut up) **or** use actual photographs of modern day local heroes and key figures in the school and community (at least one to represent each of the career paths (e.g. school principal, mayor, firefighter, school nurse).

*Activity Sheet – The Career of a Community Hero*

*Career Path Mini Poster* (1)

*Career Paths Posters* (6)

**Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Domain:**

CD.7: Applying Career Exploration and Planning Skills in the Achievement of Life Career Goals

**Grade Level Standard (GLSs):**

CD.7.A.03.a.i: Identify and apply the steps to setting short-term and long-term, personal, and educational goals. (DOK Level - 3)

CD.7.B.03.a.i: Compare and contrast the academic skills required of workers in the six career paths. (DOK Level – 3)

CD.7.C.03.a.i: Recognize the contributions made by all workers to the school and community. (DOK Level – 2)

**American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standard:**

Career Development:

C. Students will understand the relationship between training and the world of work.

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**

X	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas 1. Develop questions and ideas to initiate and refine research. 2. Discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas and structures.
X	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom 1. Plan and make written, oral and visual presentations for a variety of purposes and audiences. 2. Review and revise communications to improve accuracy and clarity. 3. Exchange information, questions and ideas while recognizing the perspectives of others. 6. Apply communication techniques to the job search and to the workplace.
X	Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems 1. Identify problems and define their scope and elements. 6. Examine problems and proposed solutions from multiple perspectives. 7. Evaluate the extent to which a strategy addresses a problem.
X	Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society 1. Explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions. 5. Develop, monitor and revise plans of action to meet deadlines and accomplish goals.

**This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.**

<b>Academic Content Area(s)</b>		<b>Specific Skill(s)</b>
X	Communication Arts	3. Reading and evaluating nonfiction works and material 4. Writing formally and informally
	Mathematics	
X	Social Studies	6. Relationships of the individual and groups to institutions and cultural traditions
	Science	
	Health/Physical Education	
	Fine Arts	

**Unit Essential Questions:**

Why do people set goals?  
What happens when someone reaches a goal?  
How is what you learn at school useful in a career?

**Unit Measurable Learning Objectives:**

The student will list the steps to setting short-term and long-term goals.  
 The student will apply the steps by writing and evaluating progress toward goals.  
 The student will compare and contrast the academic skills required of workers in the different Career Paths by listing at least two skills required by each path.  
 The student will list at least two contributions of specified workers to the school or community.

**Unit Instructional Strategies/Instructional Activities:**

☒ Direct (Structured Overview)  
☒ Indirect (Reflective Discussion)  
☒ Experiential (Conducting Experiments)  
☐ Independent study  
☒ Interactive Instruction (Brainstorming)

**Unit Summative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

**Summative assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLSs. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.**

At the conclusion of the unit, the student will demonstrate knowledge of goal-setting by listing and explaining the process in writing. The student will identify a personal or school goal, developing a written plan to reach the goal. The student will evaluate the effectiveness of his/her action plan.

The student will identify academic skills needed for success in careers and will explain (orally and in writing) contributions specific workers make to the community/school.

**Brief Summary of Unit:**

In this unit, students will learn the steps of goal setting. They will engage in practical application of these steps by setting and evaluating their own personal and school goals. Students will learn to identify those academic subjects that assisted workers as they worked to achieve their career goals. They will also identify their academic subjects/skills they continue to use in their work contributions to their communities.

**Student Prior Knowledge: What prior knowledge do students need (e.g. the steps to solving a problem) to be successful in this unit?**

Students will have knowledge of personal strengths and weaknesses related to academics and behavior.

Students will have knowledge of the career paths and the work represented within each career path.

Students will be familiar with different types of workers within the school and the community.

Vocabulary: Goals, Goal-Setting, Academic Subjects, Long Term Goal, Short Term Goal, Personal Goals, Educational Goals