

Pre-Launch Lesson Plan

GRADE 4, PLANET E | SCHOOL SKILLS VS. COLLEGE AND CAREER SKILLS

Objectives

- Students can explain how student attitudes and work habits transfer from school to the workplace.
- Students can describe a range of career training programs and education pathways.
- Students can name and describe six different kinds of training and education: apprenticeships, advanced degrees, associate's degrees, certificates and specialized career credentials, bachelor's degrees, and technical training.

Preparation & Materials Needed

- Copies of the *School Skills vs. College and Career Skills* worksheet for each student.
- Chalkboard/whiteboard and markers plus crayons if desired.

Lesson Plan

Total Time: 8-14 minutes

INTRODUCTION

2-3 Minutes

Introduce this pre-launch lesson to Planet E by asking students if they can recall examples of enterprising careers from previous lessons. Gather from students or share that enterprising occupations on Planet E typically include careers related to business, leadership, finance, accounting, marketing, or management.

Share that many of these occupations require individuals to have a degree from a four-year college or university. The name of a four-year degree is a bachelor's degree.

Explain that a bachelor's degree is the most common college degree because so many occupations require it. Almost every college or university with a four-year program offers bachelor's degrees. The two most common types of bachelor's degrees is Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), which usually involves taking extra courses to better learn a foreign language, and Bachelor of Science (B.S), which typically means that person has taken extra math or science courses. Some other types of bachelor's degrees are Bachelor's of Business Administration (B.B.A), Bachelor's of Fine Arts (B.F.A), and Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)

Share that while many high school graduates go directly to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree, some start by earning a certificate or an associate's Degree, then transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.



ACTIVITY

5-8 Minutes

Explain to students that even in elementary school, they are already learning many of the skills that will prepare them to be successful in college and specialized career programs — and they may not even know it.

Distribute to each student the *School Skills vs. College and Career Skills* worksheet. Read the directions together and ask students individually to draw a line between any “School Skills” on the left side of the worksheet that they feel are also “College and Career Skills” that are needed to be successful in the future.

Ask students to share their results with another student and to discuss where they have similar opinions. Process student answers with the entire class. Relay that many of the same skills they are practicing and using to be successful in elementary school are the same skills needed to be successful in college and a career. Share that good habits and attitudes – in addition to skills – can also help them be successful in the future.

If time allows, ask students if they can think of additional school skills, attitudes or habits that might help them be successful in the future.

CONCLUSION

1-2 Minutes

Tell students that their pre-launch work has prepared them well for their upcoming visit to Planet E.

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My Name: _____

School Skills	College and Career Skills
Good attendance	Good attendance
Working hard	Working hard
Being persistent, not giving up	Being persistent, not giving up
Doing homework	Doing homework
Being on time	Being on time
Getting along with classmates	Getting along with classmates
Playing fair	Playing fair
Being honest	Being honest
Working well in a team	Working well in a team
Not giving up	Not giving up