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| Lesson Title: Promote Your Passion |
| Students explore their career interests through interactive activities, games, and mini challenges inspired by FCCLA’s **Career Investigation** and **Job Interview** STAR Events. By the end, students will better understand their passions, practice job readiness skills, and see how FCCLA can help them reach career goals.. |
| Intended Grade Level |
| Grades 5-12 |
| TIMEFRAME *How much time will it take to complete this lesson? (video, handouts, activity, etc.)* |
| 45 minutes (includes overview, activity, and reflection) |
| FCCLA NATIONAL PROGRAM(S) INTEGREATION |
| This lesson aligns with **Career Connection –** Helps students discover their strengths and apply them to careers. This also aligns with the *STAR Events* **Career Investigation** and **Job Interview.** |
| **FCCLA CAREER PATHWAY INTEGRATION**  *What Career Pathway(s) does your lesson align with and how did you integrate them?* |
| * Arts & Design * Hospitality & Tourism * Financial Services * Education & Training * Human Services * Public Service |
| **REQUIRED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE** |
| Awareness of at least 1–2 careers that interest them  Basic understanding of job interviews and career research  Introductory knowledge of FCCLA STAR Events (can be reviewed during lesson) |
| **LEARNING OBJECTIVES** |
| * Identify careers that match their interests and skills * Participate in mini challenges to practice interview and research skills * Explore FCCLA STAR Events related to career exploration * Strengthen public speaking and professional communication skills |
| **NATIONAL FCS STANDARDS** |
| * 1.2: Analyze potential career choices * 2.1: Demonstrate job-seeking skills * 13.3: Demonstrate communication skills for workplace success |
| **MATERIALS NEEDED** |
| * Career Day Passport (game card to stamp at stations) * “Career Clues” envelopes (job description snippets) * Printable mock job applications * Interview question cards * Stopwatch or timer * Props or costume items related to different career * Small prizes or stickers for participation |
| **INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES** |
| * Career stations rotation * Speed challenges * Peer feedback & reflection * Role-play & improv * Gamified learning with points/prizes |
| **DIFFERENTIATION/MODIFICATIONS/ACCOMODATIONS** |
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| **ACTIVITY #1: Welcome/Career Costume Parade** |
| Students introduce themselves as the career they’re dressed as (“Hi, I’m Dr. Smith, a pediatrician…”)  Quick applause for each participant |
| **Activity #2: Career Challenge Stations (5 minutes per station)** |
| Students rotate through **five quick, game-style stations** using their Career Day Passport to track progress:  1️⃣ **Career Clues Mystery Game** *(Career Investigation Tie-In)*   * Students read short job descriptions (no job title) and guess the career. * Bonus point if they can name 2 skills needed for the job.   2️⃣ **Speed Resume Build**   * Using index cards with skills and experiences, students build a 3-card “mini resume” in under 2 minutes.   3️⃣ **Interview Lightning Round** *(Job Interview Tie-In)*   * Partner up and answer 1–2 common interview questions from a deck. * Switch roles and give feedback.   4️⃣ **Dress for Success Relay**   * Using costume props (ties, jackets, aprons, stethoscopes, etc.), students race to “dress” for a randomly drawn career. * Share why that outfit fits the job.   5️⃣ **Passion Pitch** *(Public Speaking Boost)*   * Students give a 30-second speech: “Why I’d be great at this career!” * Encourage confidence, eye contact, and enthusiasm. |
| **Activity #3: Wrap-Up and FCCLA Connection** |
| Discuss how Career Investigation helps research careers and how Job Interview builds workplace readiness  Challenge: “Choose ONE skill from today to improve this week — and track it on your FCCLA SPARK board.” |
| **EXTENSION IDEAS** |
| * Invite local employers or alumni to judge a mock interview competition * Host a “Career Escape Room” with job-related clues to unlock the door * Have students create a TikTok-style video promoting their dream career |
| **SOURCES** |
| FCCLA Career Connection National Program  FCCLA STAR Events Manual – Job Interview and Career Connection |

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