



Exploratory Tasks:

Where will your journey take you?

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY

Do you have a passion for keeping the people of your community safe from harm, crime or natural disasters? Do you remain steady under pressure? If so, you may want to consider a career in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security pathway. These specialists provide a wide range of services and work in a variety of settings to protect the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CORRECTIONS SERVICES PATHWAY

Specialists in this pathway are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or serving time in a jail, reformatory or penitentiary. Many in this field are involved with the treatment, education and reintegration of offenders.

EXPLORATORY TASK: How do you keep your cool in tense situations? Correction specialists must know how to manage angry outbursts from others. These skills are also important in everyday circumstances. Research or talk to a counselor to learn *how to deal with or defuse anger*. Use the information to write a news article to share with others.

EXTENSION: Individuals in the criminal justice system often suffer from drug and alcohol abuse. Treating this disease is often a long and difficult process for the individual and their family. Create a brochure to inform them about these conditions. Be sure to include:

- Signs and symptoms of condition
- Treatment options
- Local support groups for the individual and family, e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Al-Anon, etc.

EMERGENCY & FIRE MANAGEMENT PATHWAY

Firefighters and emergency services workers help protect the public by responding rapidly to a variety of emergencies. They are frequently the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called to put out a fire, treat injuries or other vital functions.

EXPLORATORY TASK: What are the most common causes of fires? What should you do if there is a fire in your home? Create an infographic that explains *home fire prevention and safety*. Share the information with others.

EXTENSION: What do you do if someone is choking or bleeding? Create a first-aid flip book to inform others. Be sure to include:

- Signs and symptoms of condition
- Recommended treatment
- Personal precautions for providing care
- When to seek professional help



What Is a Career Cluster?

Career Clusters are a way to organize career options. There are **16 Career Clusters** in the National Career Cluster Framework. They are further divided into specific pathways that can lead you to a successful future.

What Are Career Pathways?

Each of the 16 Career Clusters are divided into approximately 80 Career Pathways. The pathways are further divided into specific careers that share similar skills.

A Career Pathway offers a range of entry options, from entry-level positions that require a high school diploma or industry certificate to those that require a professional degree.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PATHWAY

People depend on law enforcement officers and detectives to protect their lives and property. Duties range from controlling traffic to preventing and investigating crimes as they work to maintain order and enforce laws and ordinances.

EXPLORATORY TASK: Fingerprints left by criminals can be used as evidence to solve a crime. Research *how fingerprints are classified*. Create a graphic that shows each type. Use an inkpad and index cards to fingerprint volunteers. Can you find examples of each type?

EXTENSION: In the United States, the Miranda warning is a type of notification that is given by police to criminal suspects to advise them of their rights. Create a short presentation that describes the *uses and reasons for the Miranda warning*. End your presentation by reciting the Miranda warning.

LEGAL SERVICES PATHWAY

The legal system affects nearly every aspect of our society, from buying a home to crossing the street. Workers in this pathway follow to a strict code of ethics and work to ensure laws and regulations are obeyed.

EXPLORATORY TASK: What rights do you have as a citizen of Kentucky? *Section 1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky* outlines seven inherent and inalienable rights. Find a copy of these on the internet to create a mini poster illustrating these rights to share with others.

EXTENSION: Law professionals work in *different fields of law*. See how many you can find. Create a presentation illustrating and describing these specialty areas. Can you find professionals in your community who represent these different areas?

SECURITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES PATHWAY

Security personnel often work in public buildings such as museums, government buildings, factories, etc. They monitor people and vehicles entering and leaving the premises and work to protect information, products, computer codes and defense secrets.

EXPLORATORY TASK: What can you do to keep your home safe? Research *home security tips and guidelines* to create a home security pamphlet to share with others.

EXTENSION: What about your personal safety? How can keep yourself and others safe? Research to learn more about *personal security tips*. Create an informational poster or video to share with others.

How Can I use Career Pathways?

Career Pathways are planning tools to help you prepare for your future career goal. They provide a map of required courses at both the high school and college level.

A pathway also lists opportunities to earn college credit, industry certificates or gain real-world experience while in high school.

What Is an Industry Certificate?

Industry certifications are credentials recognized by business and industry that demonstrate mastery of necessary knowledge and/or skills.

Discover More

Choose a career in one of the pathways to discover:

- Demand for this career
- Location of jobs
- Starting wage
- Education requirements
- High school pathway
 - Classes
 - Dual/articulated credit
 - Industry certificates
 - Work-based learning
- Related careers