Exploring Career Interests

Standards
Students will:
• Identify personal preferences and interests influencing career choice and success. (ASCA C:C1.3)

Essential Questions
• How will you decide what you want to do in the future?
• Does success bring about happiness? Does happiness bring about success?
• What are some careers that are interesting to you?
• Do you think it is important to use your skills to make a difference in the world?

Objectives
Students will be able to:
• Identify what their preferences are when considering career choices.
• Explain why they are more interested in certain careers over others.
• Picture themselves in the career they are most interested in.

Assessment
• Have students sit in a circle with the illustration they created from #7 of the Instructions. Go around the circle and have each student share their illustration with the class. Be sure that each student addresses the three bullet points in #7 of the Instructions when they are sharing.

Materials
• The ‘Stages of Career Planning’ process (see end of lesson plan) drawn or projected onto the board
• Copies of the ‘Career Research Guide’ worksheet for each student (see end of lesson plan)
• Student Computers
• Blank 8½” by 11” sheets of paper for each student
• Coloring supplies
• Suggested student-friendly websites for research:
  o http://www.bls.gov/home.htm
  o https://kids.usa.gov/teens/jobs/index.shtml