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Career Clusters are groupings of occupations, entry level through management, sharing common business functions and activities and requiring similar core knowledge and skills.

A variety of entities and agencies have been working on the concept of career clusters for a number of years. Career Clusters provide structure to many different facets of the work that schools are doing to increase student achievement and better prepare students for transition from high school to college and the workplace. The cluster model identifies knowledge and skills that are needed in the workplace. This knowledge and these skills can be tied to standards and curriculum to better prepare students. By providing the links between school and the workplace, students understand the relevancy of what they are learning. Career exploration within the cluster structure allows students to match their interests, skills, and education requirements with possible careers.

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