STUDENT FACT SHEET

Path: I Want to Go to Work

Course: What Community

Activities Can Help Me Get a Job?

Lesson: Networking to Get a Job

Networking to Get a Job

For students who want a job

Networking

Networking is meeting and building relationships with people.

- People in your network can include family, friends, neighbors, coaches, teachers, bosses, co-workers and other individuals in your community.
- People can be in your professional or personal network.



Networking to Explore Career Interests

Networking can help you:

- Reach your career goals
- Identify jobs that you are interested in learning more about
- Learn about the skills, certificates, or degrees required for jobs
- Understand what a typical day on a job is like
- Share with others that you are looking for a job
- · Decide what job will be a good fit for you





Types of Networks

The two types of **networks** are personal and professional.

Personal network

- A personal network is when you meet and build relationships with people who have the same interests as you.
- People in your **person network** might be:
 - Family members
 - Friends
 - Neighbors
 - Teammates
 - Classmates
 - Club members

Professional network

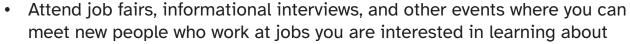
- A professional network is when you meet and build relationships with people in a career field you are interested in.
- People in your **professional network** might be:
 - Teachers
 - School Contacts
 - Past work or internship supervisors
 - Job Coaches
 - People working at jobs you are interested in
 - Current and former co-workers
 - Professional Associates

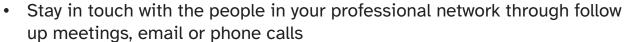




Learning to Network

- · Begin by making a list of all the people you know
- Sort people on your list into your personal network or professional network
- Connect with people on your professional network that work at a job you are interested in
- Connect with people in your personal network to increase your networking opportunities







Wrap Up

- **Networking** is meeting and building relationships with people who can help you reach your personal and professional goals.
- There are two types of networks:
 - A Personal Network involves meeting and building relationships with people who have the same interests as you.
 - A Professional Network involves meeting and building relationships with people.
- Networking is an **ongoing process**, you need to stay in contact with the people in your network.
- Building your professional network can help you learn about jobs and businesses.