



# College and Career Guidance

*Your Work is Your Ministry*

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Career Assessment: Understanding Yourself

#### Essential Questions:

- How have I been uniquely created?
- How might the way that I have been created prove to be useful in the world?
- What is the purpose of work? How can the work I do be personally, socially and spiritually meaningful?
- How might this self-knowledge help me to make a better career choice?
- What is important to me?
- Who do I want to become?
- What is the legacy I would like to leave?
- How might my work be my ministry?

#### Scripture:

- We are each made in God's image. (Gen. 1:27)
- We are called to do all things for God's glory, including work. (Colossians 3:17)
- We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others. (Gen 12:2)
- Jesus said to love our neighbors. (Matt. 22:39)

#### Competencies:

- Planning
- Exploration
- Self-Assessment
- Identifying and overcoming barriers, problems and misconceptions.
- Seeing the connection between ministry and work.
- Using online resources to maximize career plans.

#### Quotes:

"A tree brings glory to God by being a tree." – Thomas Merton

"Have priorities; do not just respond to circumstances." – Dan Miller

"Never separate your work from your worship." – Dan Miller

"There are two great days in a person's life – the day we are born and the day we discover why." – Mark Twain

# 9th Grade: To Do List

## ✓ Explore careers of interest

- Take career interest surveys
- Identify your strengths
- Identify careers related to your interest and strengths
- OK summer academies

## ✓ Track your credits for graduation

- Understand the SWCS High School Course Worksheet and Transcript
- Oklahoma Academic Scholar Recognition: Avg. GPA 3.7 and ACT Composite 27
- Salutatorian: 3.85 GPA or higher Valedictorian: Highest GPA

## ✓ Develop a portfolio of your achievements

- Include work history, extracurricular activities, community service, and honors/awards
- Document grade level and time
- Free digital portfolio at [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org) or [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me); Earn micro-scholarships by filling out your profile.

## ✓ Prepare for graduation

- Scholarships
  - Learn about OK Promise Scholarship at [www.okhighered.org/okpromise/](http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/) (Handout)
  - OK Regents Academic Scholars Program: Score for ACT/SAT at/above 99.5%; Nation Merit Finalist automatically qualify; School dependent
  - Fill out your profile at [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me) to earn micro-scholarships
  - Explore the many scholarships available at [www.ucango2.org](http://www.ucango2.org) and [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org)
- Standardize tests will be in April. Identify strengths and weakness. Develop plan to address areas of concern.

## ✓ Serve

- SWCS Graduation – Prepare the reception for graduating seniors