



Futures for Kids

bridging the gap between the hopes and dreams of our students and the workforce development needs of our communities

Futures for Kids, or F4K, is an online career exploration tool that uses technology to connect students with people and employers across North Carolina to show them the relevance of high school graduation to their future success.

F4K utilizes a concise interest assessment to give students a starting point for career exploration, providing comprehensive information on over 500 careers including average salary, working conditions and job outlook by state. Students can view companies who hire for a particular career and connect with those companies plus more than 700 Career Coaches via discussion board to ask questions and gain insight.

create a career-focused graduation plan

- ⇒ uses school-specific course listings
- ⇒ provides suggested CTE courses for selected favorite careers
- ⇒ links career and classes to reinforce educational relevance
- ⇒ can be accessed by educators for parent conferences or advisement meetings and for use with registration

manage the NC Graduation Project

- ⇒ electronic portfolio allows students to upload and maintain files
- ⇒ virtual Career Coaches satisfy the NCGP requirements for mentors
- ⇒ educators can view assigned students' portfolios and make notes
- ⇒ students can share selected components of portfolio with others

connect with mentors and employers

- ⇒ students can ask questions on company and career-specific discussion boards
- ⇒ get advice on course selection or graduation projects
- ⇒ company profiles highlight potential employers in each career area
- ⇒ all Career Coaches have passed a 7-year background check

register for classes electronically

- ⇒ validates course selections through prerequisites & academic history
- ⇒ counselors' advisory alerts provide additional course information
- ⇒ track progress toward graduation requirements
- ⇒ interfaces with NCWISE to register for classes electronically

who can use F4K?

Students: Career exploration in middle and high school is a crucial juncture to help students create a plan for success.

Educators: A powerful tool to assist educators and career development staff with too many students and limited time, F4K helps facilitate individualized career planning on a larger scale.

Parents: The online nature of F4K allows parents to explore along with their child the different career options, view the child's favorite careers, and assist in selecting classes.

Communities: F4K is the only online career-planning process that actively recruits the business community in fostering the growth of our future workforce. Individuals can also get involved as a Career Coach to share from their wealth of experience, and businesses can use F4K to reach out to future employees and offer work-based learning experiences.

"Career guidance is essential to ensuring our students reach their full potential. One of the primary reasons that students do not complete high school is a lack of career direction...F4K fills an important void in our current education system by offering a real solution to an immediate need."

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