Career Capstone
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By designating time for students to think about their career goals, teachers can help students recognize the importance of education to their futures and make connections with local employers for potential learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Try This Idea

1. Lead a classroom exercise on articulating goals, passions, and interests.

2. Have students research local organizations focused in areas related to their own goals.

3. Encourage students to contact identified organizations to learn more about the industry, what a career path might look like, and ways to contribute.

Intended Outcome

Develop students’ understanding about how their education connects to their real world goals.

Measurement Methods

Student surveys and interviews will give you a great sense of their goals and wonderings. Also consider reaching out to the organizations. Their feedback will be useful for discussions about career preparation throughout the year.

“[This program] is giving us an outlet to express who we are. We’re not just taking a class because it’s hard. It’s helping us achieve our goals.”

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