

core building

the importance of core classes

What's the point of all the classes you *have* to take in middle and high school, anyway? Core classes help build basic and career-specific skills for all kinds of jobs. Basic skills include reading comprehension, active listening, written and verbal communication, math, computers and problem solving.

Write the number of the subject/classroom activity in the blank next to the *work activity* that might use that subject/classroom activity. Then match the work activity with a *career*. You may find that some of the classroom activities could help you prepare for more than one work activity or career.

Subject	Classroom Activity	Work Activity	Career
1. Art.....	Draw buildings	____ Write news reports	____ Architect
2. Civics.....	Learn how the justice system works	____ Test for water pollution	____ Accountant
3. English.....	Write a book report	____ Help people with taxes	____ Water Treatment Operator
4. Math.....	Add and subtract	____ Prepare a defense for a person accused of a crime	____ Journalist
5. Music.....	Learn about different styles of music	____ Help the poor and hungry	____ Administrative Assistant
6. Reading.....	Master reading comprehension	____ Interview Spanish-speaking Americans for job openings	____ Dancer/Choreographer
7. Science.....	Do a science experiment	____ Create a dance for a Broadway show	____ Paralegal
8. Social Studies.....	Study how people live	____ Summarize a 20-page report in one paragraph for your boss.	____ Social Worker
9. Spanish.....	Learn how to speak and understand a foreign language	____ Give presentation to convince an organization's leaders to hold their next conference at your convention center.	____ Employment Interviewer
10. Speech.....	Research, write and give a persuasive speech	____ Design a house	____ Public Relations Specialist