A good attitude can be key in determining your future.

**Some tips to help you prepare to meet the challenges of tomorrow’s working world:**

- Be ready to work harder and get smarter.
- Be goal-oriented and focused.
- Be flexible, adaptable and prepared to make changes.
- Identify your weaknesses and work to improve them.
- Be responsible for your attendance, tardiness and getting your work done.
- Learn to work with other people — all people, not just those you like.
- Use school and extracurricular activities to take steps toward initial career decisions.
- Develop lifelong decision-making skills.

**Don’t fall into the same traps of making poor choices, like these:**

- Took easy classes in school.
- Avoided math, science and hard classes whenever possible.
- Didn’t continue any education or training after high school.
- Avoided writing at all costs, including reports and papers.
- Spent little time reading.