

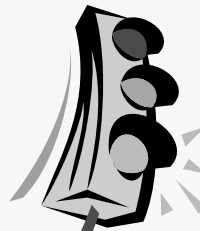
# Career Road Map

**1. Finish high school.** Nearly every job requires basic stuff like English and math. Compared to workers with more education, high school dropouts have a harder time getting and keeping jobs. They also have lower paychecks throughout their lives.

**2. Plan your career.** Look for careers with good prospects, high earnings, and other stuff that is important to you. Having a solid career plan can help more than how much education you have. Good opportunities await workers without college degrees who spend several years learning a sought-after skill or craft.



**3. Learn how to look for a job.** Develop a resume. No matter what you do after high school, you will have to sell yourself. Learning job search techniques and how to write a resume will help you get a job quicker. You will average more than 8 different jobs by the age of 32, so prepare to change jobs; even careers; until you find the one that's right for you.



**4. Consider continuing your education.** The more education you get, the higher your earnings are likely to be. On average, high school graduates earn more than high school dropouts. Those who get more education after high school earn more than high school graduates. And workers who have college degrees usually earn more than those with less education.

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**5. Develop basic computer skills.** Take advantage of every opportunity to acquire computer know-how. Regardless of whether you continue your education after high school, chances are that you will need at least minimal computer skills to do your job.



**7. Research career information.** A small investment of your time will help you make a career choice that will pay off throughout your life. There are hundreds of occupations, so choosing and planning a career is a lot more complex than it may appear. The ideal career for you might be something you've never heard of or thought about. Career information publications are loaded with helpful information.



**6. Gain experience early.** Learning by doing is a great way to approach a prospective career. Internships, part-time jobs, and volunteer work are some examples of ways to get hands-on experience while still in school. Not only do these opportunities help you make smarter career decisions, they may help you get hired after graduation; most employers prefer work-related experience.



**9. Keep learning.** Take every opportunity to learn new skills. The more you upgrade your skills to the constantly changing world of work, the more likely you; and your career; will adapt along with it.

**10. Get started.** Don't wait until tomorrow or next week or next month. Get started right now.

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**8. Value your personal interests and abilities.** You shouldn't be discouraged from a career that interests you just because it's competitive. If your interests and abilities draw you to a field like acting, journalism, law, piloting, or some other competitive occupations; go for it. Just be prepared for the challenges that will lie ahead.



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## How to Get on Success Street:

1. Make A Plan
2. Conduct Research
3. Take Action
4. Get Education
5. Complete Training