Career Planning .... Grade 9 Suggested Checklist

* Think about the things you like to do and choose challenging courses that connect to your education/career goals.
* Ask Mrs. Hatton in Guidance to help figure out some careers suitable for you (interest assessment, etc.)
* Research career options. Read occupational profiles available on www.alis.gov.ab.ca , specific occupational association websites or other sites your school may have a paid subscription for. See Mrs. Hatton for information
* Consider all career options, and take the courses that will get you to where you want to go.
* Attend Bow Valley’s Annual Post-secondary/Career Fair in the Fall.
* Join extra curricular activities to develop responsibility, teamwork and leadership skills.
* Talk to your parents, counsellor, career advisor, teachers and business  professionals about your career goals and post-secondary options.
* Talk to people who like their work and find out why they like it – perhaps it will spark an idea of something you might like to do!
* Begin investigation various types of post-secondary education options  – college, technical institutions, apprenticeship programs and university. Look at the length of the program, transfer opportunities, laddering options and connection to the workplace. Mrs. Hatton in Guidance can help!
* If possible, go on a work experience for a day or two with somebody who works in a field of interest to you.
* Investigate with your parents, various types of financial aid opportunities – scholarships, grants, bursaries, etc.
* Begin preparing your Portfolio. This will assist you in pulling together information about YOU! What you enjoy doing; what you are good at; what types of activities you are involved in; what is important to you; also include any career research activities and information you have gathered so far.
* Remember Grade 9 marks in school set the stage for what courses you will be allowed to enroll in during grade 10. Make sure you work hard and develop good study habits.

(Suggested Alberta resource for students and parents: [www.alis.gov.ab.ca)](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca))

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