

Planning

Choosing a Focus Area - Aspect 3.4

What is a focus area?

A specific area of interest that you choose based on your personal strengths. You will identify, explore and develop your personal strengths, and learn how these strengths can be used in the workplace or built upon with additional education or experience.

What is the intent of the Focus Area?

The Focus Areas are intended to help you:

- ★ Explore a wide range of work options
- ★ Explore a wide range of education or training options
- ★ think about, and organize, courses you wish to take in Grades 11 & 12
- ★ research options available to you at post-secondary institutions.

There are EIGHT Focus Areas. They are:

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| 1) Business & Applied Business | 5) Liberal Arts & Humanities |
| 2) Fine Arts, Design, and Media | 6) Science & Applied Science |
| 3) Fitness & Recreation | 7) Tourism, Hospitality, and Foods |
| 4) Health & Human Services | 8) Trades & Technology |

To Do List:

- 1) Go to www.sd36.bc.ca/earlma/ONLINEPLANNING/
- 3) Choose Module 2 (blue), then click on 2.1B: Focus Areas.
- 4) Read over each of focus areas
- 5) Click on 2.1B: Sorting Careers and complete the matching game
- 6) Take a screenshot of the completed game
- 5) Now, Choose 1 or 2 Focus Areas you are interested in. Your choices should be reflected in your career and educational interests, and the courses you plan to take in Grades 11 and 12. Choose carefully!

Now, using Microsoft Word, create a **professional** and **organized** looking document that lists and answers the questions found below. You must include the following items in your document:

- ★ Centered Title
- ★ Name & Date at top
- ★ Headings that catch the viewers eye
- ★ Customized Fonts/Colors
- ★ Footer (name, course, block, date, assignment name)

List your two Focus Area choices:

Primary:

Secondary:

Now, for **each** of your choices answer the following questions in full, thoughtful sentences:

- 1) Why did you choose this particular primary or secondary Focus Area?
- 2) List some interests & skills that you have that match the Focus Area.
- 3) List some occupations from those Focus Areas that you might be interested in.
- 4) List Gr. 11 & 12 EMS courses that might fit into those Focus Areas. In other words, How does this Focus Area relate to your possible education options?
- 5) Describe any school and community activities that support this Focus Area.