The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) **College & Career Readiness** Division, located in the Office of Student Support, is committed to keeping educators and families informed of updates necessitated by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. This college and career readiness resource is designed to guide educators and families as they help students remain engaged in college and career readiness activities during the current school year and into the next.

KEEPING STUDENTS COLLEGE & CAREER READY

How can students continue to engage in the college and career exploration process during a time of distance learning?

Low–Tech Accessibility Options
If students are unable to access online career assessments to complete their Individual Career Academic Planning (ICAP) process, students can take a paper version of a career cluster survey or a personal interest survey. These paper version surveys can be an excellent way to ensure your students are able to continue their ICAP planning process. Students can share their results with you via phone or use them as a resource during the enrollment process.

Although many college or career technology staff are working remotely, many are available by phone, video conference, or email. Encourage students to reach out to their career tech counselor or college admissions staff via their respective websites and interview them using this visit guide.

Mid- to High-Tech Accessibility Options
Encourage students to put their ICAP profiles created in OKCollegeStart or OKCareerGuide to use. If students have access to their online ICAP portfolios via their smart phone or computer, encourage them to log in and explore career options. Our online tools can be accessed on the OKEdge.com website.

This can be an excellent time for students to explore postsecondary opportunities. While in-person campus tours are on hold, Oklahoma colleges and universities invite students to visit their campuses virtually. Visit OKCollegeStart to begin exploring via virtual campus tours.

For more resources related to postsecondary planning, visit our OKEdge.com website.

ENGAGING STUDENTS IN VIRTUAL CAREER LEARNING

How can students participate in online college and career readiness experiences?

One component of a student's ICAP involves participation in a service learning and/or work environment (work-based learning) activity. These experiences allow students to give back to the community, expand academic and technical learning and better prepare students to be college and career ready. For sample activities, view OKEdge.com.

During this time of distance learning, students can participate in virtual service or work-based learning activities. Below are a few sample activities to get started:

- Engage in **virtual internships**. A virtual internship is similar to a traditional in-person internship, which includes: attending meetings with supervisor or teammates, completing individual or group projects, learning about the company culture and industry at large and reflecting upon their experience. Virtual internships must follow the guidelines for an internship course. **For more guidance, view Internships FAQs.**
- Grab a computer and take a **virtual field trip**.
- Participate in **virtual career learning**. Some virtual career learning opportunity examples from our 2020 Career Exposure week are in the table below. Other experiences are available in the resource section of this document.

CAREER FOCUS	VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL	VIRTUAL CAREER LEARNING
Construction	Ron Morris, Oklahoma Construction Industries Board	Recorded link
Information Technology	Lynae Greely, Dell EMC	Recorded link
Manufacturing	Jeanine Coleman, Pelco Structural	Recorded link
	Stephanie Cameron, AAON Inc.	Recorded link
Service	Jessica Mollica, Hertz	Recorded link

How can students document their participation in online college and career readiness activities?

Students can complete a reflection sheet and/or survey to document their virtual experiences (e.g. Work Sample Reflection Sheet Template). These documents should be included within their OKCollegeStart, OKCareerGuide or other electronic student portfolio.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Oklahoma Edge is the Oklahoma State Department of Education's commitment to giving our students a competitive edge as they pursue college and career.

Join our online learning community, Oklahoma Edge. The interactive platform features industry videos that highlight high-demand careers in Oklahoma. Business professionals can even use the platform to connect virtually to Oklahoma students and classrooms.

Other platform resources include scholarships, college/career fair information, career pathway infographics and interviews with college and CareerTech students. Take a look at our overview video.

What additional online resources help support students' college and career exploration process?

Oklahomans come together during times of local and national crisis. Many organizations want to help support educators, students and families with college and career readiness opportunities. Below are some additional online resources:

ORGANIZATION	ONLINE RESOURCE
Boeing	Explore aerospace technology with virtual field trips to exclusive locations and interactive videos that transport your students to new terrain. Extend the experience with hands-on, standards-aligned activities. Visit https://www.boeingfutureu.com/ to learn more.
Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce	The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber provides a link to at-home and virtual OKC experiences. Visit https://www.visitokc.com/support-okc/experiences/ to learn more.

ORGANIZATION	ONLINE RESOURCE
ImpactTulsa	ImpactTulsa provides links to various at-home and online resources for students of all ages. Visit https://www.impacttulsa.org/impacttulsa-covid-19-resources-k-12/ to learn more.
Junior Achievement	Free online resources for teachers and parents of grades K-12 include local options for online learning, downloadable curriculum and printable curriculum for packets. Visit https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-usa/program-resources.
Oklahoma City Zoo	"OKC Zoo @ Two" allows viewers to take a safari from the comfort of home with caretaker chats, wellness exams, behind-the-scenes animal encounters and unexpected adventures through the zoo online daily at 2 p.m. CT. Visit https://www.okczoo.org/okc-zoo-at-two.
Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA)	OETA and OSDE are providing distance learning options to teachers and students over the air and online. Visit http://www.oeta.tv/LearningAtHome or https://pbskids.org/ to learn more.
Oklahoma History Center	Explore the Oklahoma History Center with a virtual tour and online exhibits. Visit https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/ to learn more.
Project Lead The Way (PLTW)	Find distance learning resources, best practices shared by other PLTW teachers, FAQs and a running list of updates and announcements. Visit https://www.pltw.org/pltw-covid-19-resources to learn more.
Scholastic	Day-to-day projects keep kids reading, thinking and growing. Visit www.scholastic.com/learnathome to learn more.
Wide Open School	Wide Open School is a free collection of the best online learning experiences for kids curated by the editors at Common Sense Media and partnered by more than 25 organizations. Visit https://wideopenschool.org/ to learn more.
United States Census 2020	The Statistics in Schools (SIS) program offers free materials for teachers, created by teachers, to educate students from pre-K through 12th grade about the value and everyday uses of census data. Visit https://2020census.gov/en/educators.html to learn more.

PROVIDING TRANSITION RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

During distance learning, seniors need additional resources and support to assist with the transition to college and career. Families and educators can help with finalizing college enrollment, scholarship applications, the FAFSA, athletic eligibility, Oklahoma's Promise requirements, job search efforts, housing resources and many other transition needs. The Office of Student Support has developed resources specifically for this unique group of students. Visit our OSDE Counseling website for FAQs specifically related to Graduating, Transitioning and Supporting Seniors.

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The Division of College & Career Readiness supports educators and families in developing plans that lead to success after high school. Success means that a student can obtain gainful employment that matches his or her passions and interests while still earning a living wage. Visit the Office of Student Support Page for more about our team.

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Don't forget to check out OKEdge.com for comprehensive resources to help prepare Oklahoma students for life beyond high school.

The Office of College & Career Readiness encourages educators to prioritize the safety and security of themselves and their families and to stay informed of communications from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) and other reputable sources. Please visit the OSDE website designated to Coronavirus/COVID-19 communications for updated information.