

# The Big Picture Thinking About the Future

Grades: 9, 10,11,12

Prerequisites:

None

## **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this lesson is to have students look at the next 40-50 years of their lives and gain a perspective of this "Big Picture". Students will consider their high school years in connection with post-secondary education along with a 40 year working career until retirement.

#### What should students learn from the lesson?

- Students will learn why it is important to look at the "Big Picture" of their lives in terms of preparing for post-secondary education and training, and their 40 year working career.
- Students will learn why post-secondary education and training is important to consider while in high school.
- Student will learn about how the choices they make now in high school can affect them in postsecondary education and training, and their work career.

## What is the in-class activity?

• The PowerPoint will drive the lesson with some slides presenting interactive questions reviewing material and proposing thoughtful, engagement by students.

## What is the takeaway for students?

- It's important to do some long range thinking "The Big Picture"
- Choices they are making now will impact their post-secondary options and their work career.
- Post-secondary education and training choices impact career options, financial security, and overall lifestyle after high school.

#### **Materials Needed:**

- PowerPoint
- Projector
- Blank Paper/Pencil