# Career Exploration 6-8

Content Area: **Library**
Course(s):
Time Period: **September**
Length: **Yearlong**
Status: **Published**

## Resources

Students in grade 6-8 will be exploring Careers through Edynamic Learning during the 2022-23 school year, each Monday Period 8 during the year.

eDynamic Learning is the largest publisher of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and elective courses in North America offering nearly 250 courses for middle and high schools.

The **Middle School Library** offers middle schools unique elective and career courses for students to explore a variety of professions and receive the knowledge and preparation needed to make life-shaping decisions prior to high school. Digital courses can serve as a textbook replacement or to supplement the classroom curriculum.

Students will work through units to help discover careers that they find interesting, then move on to courses that specifically address the career of choice.

Courses will be monitored by mentor teachers to assure completion and assess progress through the work.

In addition, students will be presented additional information about careers and high school opportunities through a partnership with:

Raritan Valley Community College Career and Technical Education, through a series of visits from professionals in various fields, including Engineering, Information Technology, Science and more. This will be a series of presentations throughout the year to grade 8.

Presentations from Hunterdon County Vocational Technical Program. This presentation features the Biomedical, Environmental and Computer Science High School Magnet Programs, and how to apply for consideration to these coveted programs.

Students will be directed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) to find out more about their career interests, including salaries, anticipated openings in the next 10 years, and educational requirements.

GENIUS HOUR:

Genius Hour will be required for 6-8 students during the year, period 8 on Fridays of every week.
The purpose of Genius hour is to encourage students to explore their interests (which may be related to Career Interests) and:

- To develop student "agency" which is defined as self-directed learning skills, where students shift from passive observers to active agents making decisions about their learning.
- To take advantage of a period that was not being actively used for academic purposes.
- To offer students a chance to learn about something they were either curious or passionate about.

Here is a quick explanation of what Genius Hour is, and what it looks like.
https://www.teachthought.com/learning/what-is-genius-hour/