

GILES COUNTY PUBLIC



# Career Counseling

## Career/College Tidbit

Career Counseling services enters it's fifth year in the Giles County Public School system. The purpose of career counseling is to guide students in the career development process while the student prepares to enter the workforce and/or further education. Career Counseling can not answer the question, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" but can inform students and parents of all the options available in achieving their goals. For more information contact:

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The 5 Most Marketable College Degrees of 2009.....  
*and the least*

- Nursing: Average starting salary.....\$52,000
- Computer/Information Science: Average starting salary, \$60, 000 with a 15 % rise in salary in 2007-08
- Engineering: Newbie engineers can expect \$53, 000 to get started
- Economics: Many job options....starting at \$53, 000
- Education: 2 million new teachers needed in the next decade to replace retiring population

*Least Marketable*

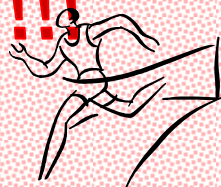
- *Print Journalism*
- *Advertising*
- *Architecture*
- *Real Estate*
- *Film Studies*

<http://spotlight.encarta.msn.com>

## Did You Know?

A Third of All new hires got their jobs through employee referrals (networking)

## Spring Sports Kick Off!!!



# Upcoming Events

February 2009

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- Continued Individual Counseling
- 7th Grade Transition Events
- 2/12, FAFSA Night at Narrows High School



## Pop Quiz

How long does the average worker stay on the job?

4 YEARS

# Planning Timeline...February

## 9th / 10th Grade.....

- Focus on Your Grades....don't dig a whole for yourself!!
- Focus on electives that match your interest
- Vocational Assessment.....start thinking about life after high school
- Two Year Plan with Career Counselor

## 11th Grade.....

- Are you on target to graduate?...focus on your grades...last two years are crucial
- Take SAT's/ACT's
- Attend College Fairs

## 12th Grade.....

- Put together a Resume
- Begin writing essays for college applications
- Take SAT's/ACT's
- Search for Scholarships
- Military?
- Start job searching if you plan to go to work after graduation

### Helpful Websites

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/location.htm#content>

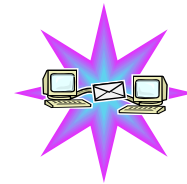
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[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

[www.nextstepmagazine.com](http://www.nextstepmagazine.com)

<http://www.careervoyages.gov/>



## Tips For Parents

Let your child "job shadow" you for a day.....they may begin to see the skills they are acquiring in school are relevant for the "real world".