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Education & Career Guidance

ecareers.sg is a web-based portal designed to facilitate education and career development among students in Singapore. It is premised on the ECG Developmental Model and contains features that facilitate identity development while bringing students through the processes of career awareness, exploration and planning.

KEY PORTAL FEATURES

Professional site

This is a resource repository for educators to access training resources, classroom lesson plans and web seminars; as well as to generate usage reports for planning purposes.

Primary School site

(a) **Avatar** - helps develop self-identity through self-expression. Avatars guide students through the career exploration process and help them develop initial occupational preferences through play.

(b) **Visit the Industry Landscape and Discover Occupations** - enables exploration of 23 industries in Singapore and their related occupations. The occupation database helps raise students' awareness to a wide array of occupations using illustrations with photographs and job descriptions.

(c) **Find your Favourite School and Explore Schools** - enable students to search and compare secondary schools using the various search criteria.

(d) **Explore Singapore Education Landscape** - helps to create awareness and provide guidance as students navigate the diverse educational pathways in the Singapore education system.

(e) **ePortfolio** - serves as a repository of students' explorations in the portal including their avatars and occupational tools. It has a platform - 'My Next Steps,' for students to reflect on their choices of secondary schools and plan how they would like to achieve their goals.

(f) **Self Exploration Games** - help students identify personal characteristics such as their interests and values so that they develop a greater understanding of themselves in relation to the world of work.

(g) **Career Exploration Games** - help students to explore the various types of jobs available and the key skills and attributes associated with them.

Secondary and Pre-University sites

(a) **Online assessment tools** - enables self-assessment on interests, skills, values that generate career profiles for students.

(b) **Occupation and Education databases** - make available information such as educational pre-requisites, job descriptions, career paths, and salary ranges, to enable students to make informed choices in career and education aspirations.

(c) **Education and Career Planning Module** - helps students reflect, explore and set goals. It helps students to synthesise the information gathered from the portal exploration process with a plan that will bring them closer to their goals.

(d) **Job-seeking module** - helps students learn essential career-related skills, such as the writing of resumes, cover letters and interview skills through interactive videos and quizzes.

(e) **ePortfolio** - allows students to archive the results of their self-assessment, academic results, co-curricular activities, educational and career plans developed, and evidences of work and projects that could contribute towards completing applications for further education, scholarships and bursary awards.

Primary School Homepage



Secondary School Homepage



Pre-University Homepage



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Nurturing Your Child's Aspirations



Specially for Parents

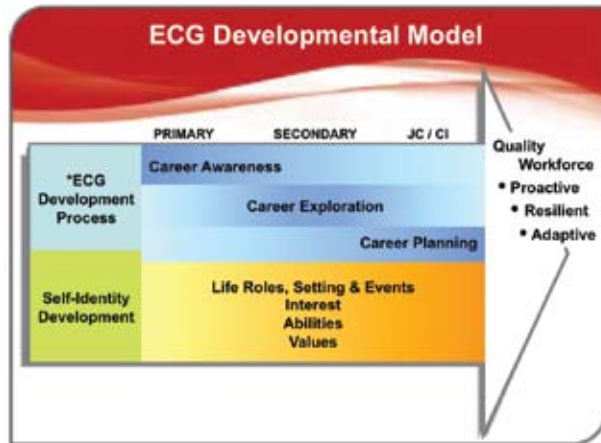


WHY IS ECG IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN?

- To harness children's passion to pursue academic and career aspirations that match their interests, abilities and values.
- To help them make informed choices when they pursue their educational pathways or enter the workforce.
- To help them explore their dreams, find suitable educational pathways and develop to become confident and motivated individuals who are ready for decisions and transitions in the 21st century.

HOW CAN MY CHILD BENEFIT FROM ECG?

The Ministry of Education actively promotes Education and Career Guidance (ECG) in schools. ECG is a developmental process which helps your children



*Career awareness, exploration and planning is necessary for all levels of students. However, there are different emphases at different levels to meet varying developmental needs.

- become more aware of their strengths, interests and values.
- make informed decisions when making education and career choices.
- find relevance in the subjects they are studying, and hence
- be more motivated to work hard and do well in school.

WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A PARENT IN ECG?

You play a crucial role to

- help your children discover their interests and develop their strengths;
- guide them to make informed education and career choices that will impact their future significantly.

WHAT KIND OF ECG ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES DO SCHOOLS HAVE?

Schools offer a variety of ECG programmes and activities to help students in their exploration:

- ECG Portal – ecareers.sg
- ECG lessons and projects
- Career fairs/exhibitions
- Industry visits
- Work attachments
- Job shadowing
- Voluntary work



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

Parents can help their children realise their dreams by:

Observing:

You can start by observing your children's strengths and interests through various activities to help them identify their preferences in working with people, things, data or ideas.

Showing Concern and Support:

It is important for your children to know how much you care about their future and your willingness to support them.

Engaging in Discussions:

Have casual conversations with your children about their aspirations. Keep an open mind and allow them the freedom to dream.

Exploring:

Introduce a variety of occupations to your children and help them discover more about the different occupations.

Providing Opportunities:

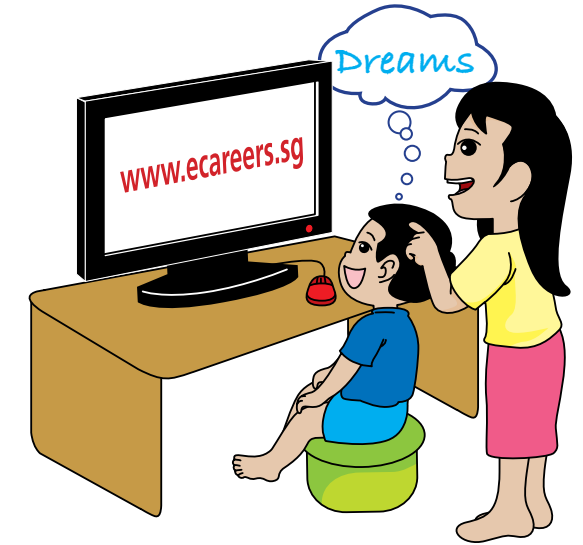
Provide opportunities (like workplace visits and volunteer work) and resources (such as books and enrichment programmes) that can support your children's aspirations and broaden their horizons.

Working with Schools:

Discuss your children's education and career prospects with their teachers. They would be in a good position to offer education and career guidance as well.

DO PARENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ecareers.sg?

Your children have personal accounts when they are in Primary 5 onwards. You are encouraged to navigate the portal together with your child. This experience will provide a great opportunity for gaining a better understanding of their interests, abilities and future aspirations.



USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

Additional information on ECG can be found at on MOE's website at:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/social-emotional-learning/education-career-guidance/>

You can also find out more about the various educational pathways for your child at:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/>

