

## Questions You can Ask at Career Fairs and Job Shadowing Events

Career Fairs and Job Shadowing Events are excellent ways to learn about the large variety of career options available to you after high school (or college).

Career Fairs and Job Shadowing Events are also great places to begin developing and improving your professional branding. It is never too early, even if you aren't sure what career you will choose after high school. Even at a career fair or job shadowing event, future employers are paying attention!

**Start with a handshake and an introduction. "Hello, I am xxxxxx from Westbrook High School." Then ask a few questions. Here are some you might consider asking:**

1. How long have you been in your job?
2. What is your favorite thing about your job?
3. What does a typical work day look for you?
4. What can I do during high school (or college) to prepare for a job/career like yours? Or, what courses should I take in high school (or college) to best prepare me for entry-level positions in your career field?
5. What is the biggest challenge a person new to the field will face, and do you have some advice about how to conquer the challenge?
6. What types of changes or advances do you see happening in your field in the next 5 to 10 years?
7. What is the culture and climate like at your workplace?
8. What are opportunities for advancement in your career field?
9. What are the skills and attributes that are most valuable for employment in your career field? Or, what kind of person would be most successful at your work?
10. What educational background is necessary to get a job like yours?
11. (If you are really interested in the career field) May I contact you if I have any other questions about your job or career? Or, who may I contact if I have other questions?