Definition of Terms

**Middle Years:** Manitoba Middle Years schools comprise students in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. Most of the children attending these schools will be between the ages of 11 and 14 years.

**Skill:** the ability to do a particular task that comes from training, practice, or natural aptitudes. A few examples are playing a musical instrument, drawing, caring for children, making decisions, and skating.

**Job:** one person's task or tasks in one situation. For example: Principal at Crane Elementary School. Jobs may be one-time, full-time, part-time, or periodic. More and more, people are working full-time by holding two or more part-time jobs with different employers.

**Occupation:** a general name for a type of work that people do in many different ways and in many different locations. For example: dentist, carpenter, and homemaker are all names (titles) of occupations.

**Career:** the combined total of a person's lifelong experiences including his/her education, different jobs, family life, friendships, community activities, and leisure choices. Everyone has a career, for work doesn't exist in isolation from the rest of our lives. Work is only one part of our career.

**Post-secondary education:** education that follows high school. Post-secondary education and training opportunities in Manitoba include technical vocational training, university, apprenticeship training, college, self-employment training, military service, and private vocational school training.