

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.

