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Follow the Role Model to Help Nurture the Dreams of Your Children

A role model acts as a guide that can help children reach their dreams. When a child discovers a role model, he/she is more likely to strive to become that person. Help your children find a role model that best fits their interests and values in order to pursue their dreams.

Q. Why do children need a role model?

A role model refers to an exemplary figure in life. Finding a role model and understanding how he/she accomplished his/her dreams is an essential process for children. How the role model overcame challenges and the amount of effort put into an accomplishment can provide useful guidelines for the child's life. More specifically, role models provide strong motivation for children to realize their potential and dreams. Children are more likely to accomplish career goals by having role models since they can influence the children's interests, career paths, and life values.

Q. How can I help my child find his/her role model?

Parents play an important role for younger children who are more likely to be influenced by media. Discourage them from choosing a "cool" role model without considering their own interests or talents. Instead of directly rejecting their choice for a role model, ask your children to specifically identify and decide which aspects of their role model that they find appealing. It is advised that you understand your children's interests and talents and, at the same time, search for a notable figure who made an accomplishment in a related field.

Q. How should my child choose a role model?

To choose a role model, you need to identify your child's interests. Find out what exactly your child likes or is interested in. Then search for a role model among people who made a distinct achievement in the child's field of interest. Note that the decision should not be based on simply liking or disliking someone. Also consider how certain talents or achievements of the role model resemble your child's future. A role model discovered through active exploration will become a strong motivation for your child's career.



Knock Knock TIP.

People whose dream came true by following a role model

Vincent van Gogh, who admired Jean-Francois Millet's work, practiced painting using Millet's style and even tried to follow his lifestyle. Former U.S. President Barack Obama placed a bust of Lincoln in his office and dealt with problems by having an imaginary conversation with Lincoln about what he would have done. Olympic skating champion Yuna Kim practiced by watching Michelle Kwan's performances since she was young to reach the top. With your children, find stories about people who made their dream come true with the influence of role models.





Role Model Search For Career Road Map

A role model does not have to be a famous person. Anyone you respect and want to be like, or a person who can set an example in your life, can be a role model. Find a suitable role model for your child's values and explore how they made accomplishments to help your child design his/her career path.

STEP 1. Finding a role model that matches your child's values

Personalities with passion and leadership	e.g.) Barack Obama, (), ()
Personalities with service and devotion	e.g.) Audrey Hepburn, (), ()
Personalities with talents and gifts	e.g.) Yuna Kim, (), ()
Innovative and pioneering personalities	e.g.) Wright Brothers, (), ()
Personalities who made breakthroughs and discoveries	e.g.) Alexander Fleming, (), ()
Child's role model	

STEP 2. Searching for a role model

Child's role model	e.g.) Alexander Fleming	
Major achievement of the role model	e.g.) Development of first antibiotic	
Reason for selecting as the role model	e.g.) Saved the lives of many people	
Lessons learnt from role model	e.g.) Commitment and dedication to research results	
Available resources for child	e.g.) Visiting science museums	

Find career counseling cases related to role models.

Let's look at what other children have in mind about their career? Find a role model for your child from career counseling cases.
Junior Career Net (www.career.go.kr/jr) > I have worries about my career > Career counseling > search 'role model'





High School, the First Turning Point in a Student's Career Path

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Choosing the right high school is a very important decision that determines a student's career direction. The type of high school your children attend can change the course and direction of their career. Therefore, learning the qualities and features of each type can be very helpful. Explore options together and help your children design their career path.

Cultivating Future Talent through Various Types of High School

Specialized High School (Vocational)

Targets students who wish to find the most suitable job in various fields such as animation, cooking, imaging, tourism, crafts, design, pottery, etc. following their graduation.

Specialized High School (Alternative)

Schools designed to operate autonomous programs centered around students to compensate for the limitations and problems of public education. Various education programs are provided for drop out students or students who wish to receive education tailored to their needs, such as experience-oriented education like hands-on training, personality-oriented education, or education for individual talent development.

General High School

Provides the basic curriculum for subjects including humanities and social studies, natural science, and general occupations, rather than specialized fields.

Autonomous High School

There are two types: autonomous private high schools; and autonomous public high schools. They are designated schools that operate based on autonomous curriculum and academic management, etc.

<Special Purpose High School>

Foreign Language High School

Intensive foreign language education is provided in each language department such as English, Chinese, Japanese, German, French, Russian, Spanish, etc.

International High School

Using primarily English, provides intensive education on international politics and diplomacy based on a specialized curriculum for international politics, culture, and law.

Science High School

Future scientists are fostered through specialized education for students with great potential in science and mathematics.

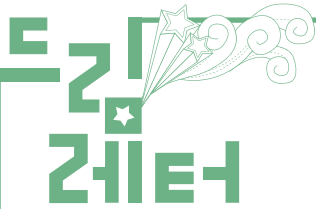
Art/Physical Education High School

Artists and athletes are fostered by engaging students in a practical training-oriented education in literature, music, fine arts, dance, theater, and film, or sports in order to exhibit their potential.

Meister High School

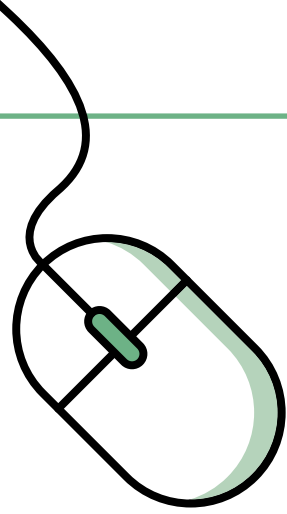
Legally referred to as a customized high school. Offers customized curriculum directly linked to the demand of the industry for the growth of specialized, vocational education and cultivation of Young Meisters.

* Source: National Center for Parents Education (www.parents.go.kr) > e-Library > Center publications > Learning materials > Guidebook for Prospective Parents of Middle and High School Students
> II. Preview of Middle • High School, High School Admission Information Portal (www.hischool.go.kr)
>> High School Entrance Exam Information
> High School Types, Hi-five (www.hifive.go.kr)
> School Information



High School Admission, Find Information Online

For your children to enter the high school that they prefer,
it would be best if they are well prepared in advance.
Let's take a look at the websites for high school admission info.



Educational news and information in one place!



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This website contains information on various education-related news, from entering school to the latest education policy, curriculum by school level, and future career education. You can also find career education contents tailored for parents for their children's career and school guidance. Find various information at Parents Onnuri to become a strong supporter for your children's career and advancement.

School exploration by major/ department



Career Net

www.career.go.kr

Search and compare high schools by major or departments such as humanities, education, engineering, and arts and physical education. The links to the websites are provided to direct you to high schools with the appropriate major or department.

Information search window for career customization



High School Admission Information Portal

www.hischool.go.kr

Refer to high school info by region and type or entrance exam info by city or province. Moreover, explore the options of your child's career path, including instructions and materials on "self directed learning entrance exams", etc.

All you need to know about Specialized/ Meister high schools!



Hi-five

www.hifive.go.kr

Explore the current status and admission process of specialized and Meister high schools. Provides info related to 'high school graduate employment assistance', a policy that supports students to find jobs following their graduation, and 'post-learning system' that allows students to work and study at the same time.

Reflecting the schools' educational condition

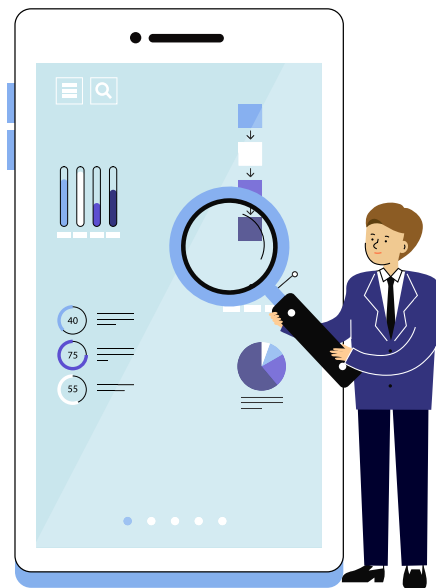


School information

www.schoolinfo.go.kr

Provides the current status of applicants, educational conditions, and academic performance of schools.

Assists you with choosing the appropriate high school based on your child's career path by offering information of schools in your region.





Career Newsletter for Parents
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Best Way to Enhance Professionalism Through Time Management and Learning

Bill Gates studied various fields such as math, physics, biology, etc. to decide what he wanted to do in his career. He believed that acquiring extensive knowledge develops creativity. To reach the level of professionalism like Bill Gates, our children also need to study various subjects.

'Time management' that promotes systematic learning

Students who manage their time thoroughly to achieve their career goals make plans for a day, a week, or sometimes even up to years and decades ahead of time. This is because strategic time management is the most important skill needed to understand the contents of many subjects. To make efficient use of time, it is best to contemplate how time was managed for the day and prioritize your tasks. Figure out how much time your child has to spare, other than time spent on school classes, sleeping, eating, etc. and guide him/her to plan how much time should be allocated for studying the next day.

* Reference: National Center for Parents Education (www.parents.go.kr)
> e-Library > Center Issued Materials > Education materials > 'Guidebook for Children's Education for Parents of (High school)' > 4. Self-directed Learning

Career paths determine learning method

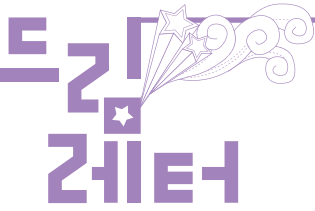
Studying various subjects is common for all students, but their study method depends on their career paths. According to the preferred major, university, or job, the required knowledge and study method are bound to be different. For example, a student of liberal arts, who might require more memorization than a student of natural sciences, can use a study method of jotting down a list of keywords from a textbook. Students that choose a career path in arts should read materials on science, social studies, etc., to be inspired by imaginations to demonstrate creativity. Engaging in conversations with your children to discover a suitable learning method based on their career paths and tendencies, enhances their studying efficiency.



The value of 'self-directed learning' increases self-efficacy















'Self-directed learning', a process of proactive engagement in studying, helps children take control of their lives. A well planned and executed study session motivates children as they prepare for their future education and career paths, and leads them to discover their potential. In addition, children will experience an improvement in 'self-efficacy' by overcoming given situations and successfully completing assignments.

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Career Performance Check, Let's Make a Learning Activity Planner!

Encouragement and advice from parents become the driving force for their children's career exploration and goal achievement. Draw up a learning activity planner with your children and send them supportive messages. This will boost your children's confidence as they work toward their career goals.

	Entry Date:	Entry Number:
	Career Goal	Learning Activity
	Example) A 'diplomat' who maintains friendly relations with foreign countries by sharing our culture and policies	Example) Learn how to speak the language of a foreign country fluently
		
		
		
	Career Exploration Activity	Work Experience and Books
	Example) Explore and compare related majors such as economics, international culture studies, political science and diplomacy, etc.	Example) Search for 'diplomat' job shadowing program at work experience centers; meet a diplomat in person
		
		
		
		
	Future Learning Plan to Achieve Career Goal	
	Example) I will join a study group for foreign languages and help each other improve.	
